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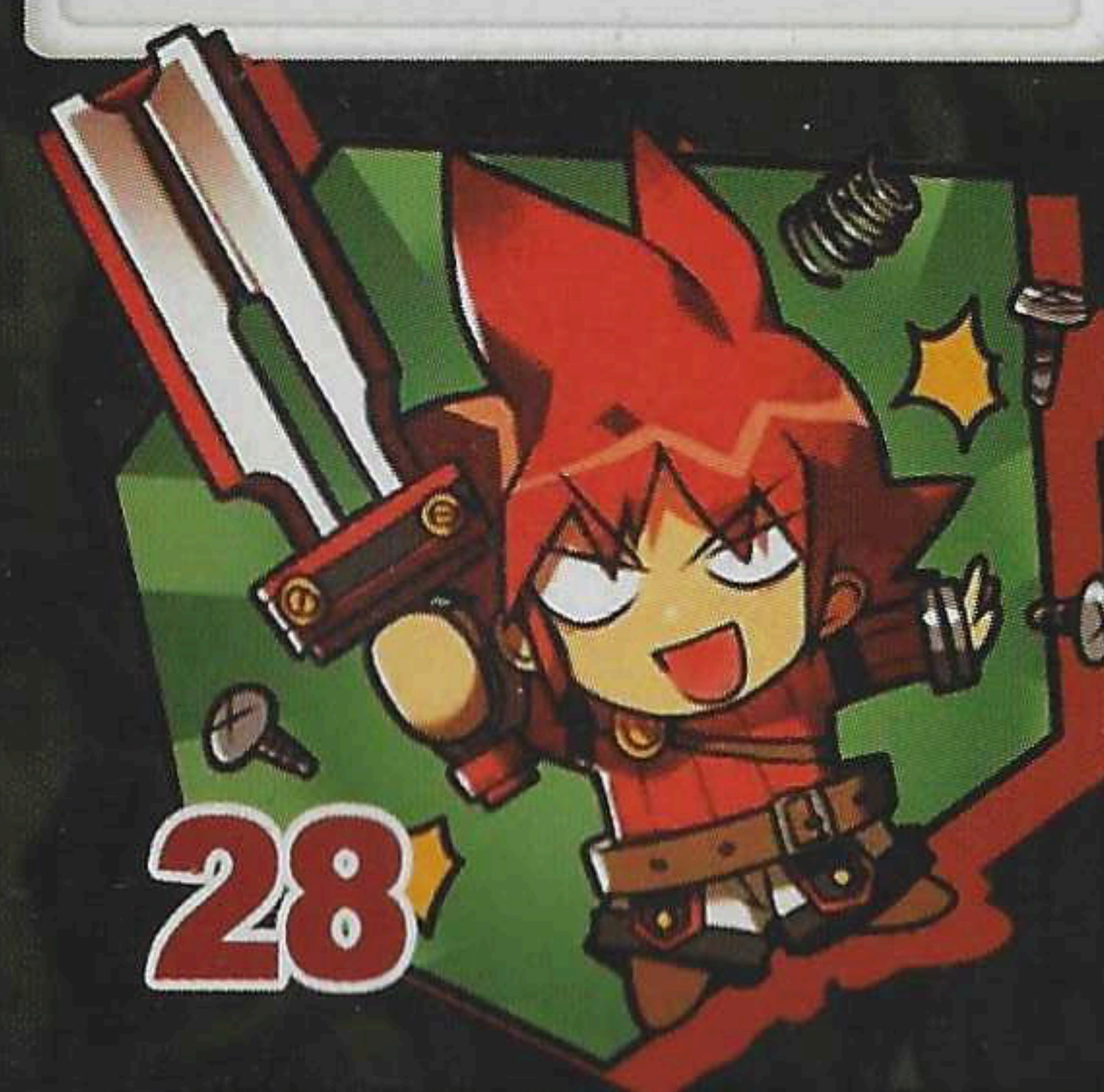
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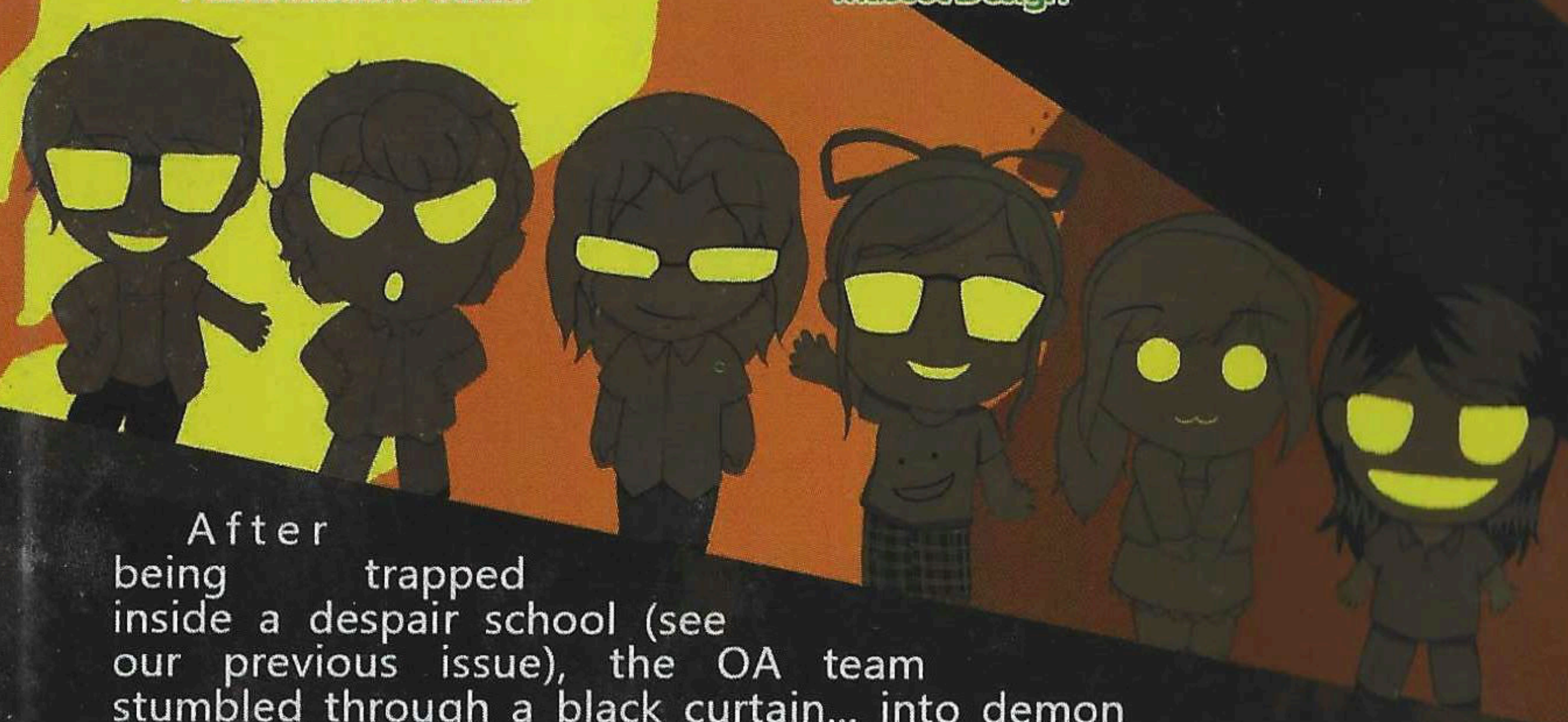
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After being trapped inside a despair school (see our previous issue), the OA team stumbled through a black curtain... into demon territory!! We only just back and so, **October and November** is packed into one issue! Nee~ why do we keep ending up like this??

Halloween is not a tradition in Japan. Here in the Philippines, however, we pay our respects to the dead by eating, celebrating and praying with them (on the cemetery) some even trick or treat for sweets (yum~). Otaku Asia is there with you all the way! We will teach you how to make jelly souls (literally Soul Eater). Junji Ito, leading manga artist of horror is inside. We did not forget our local horror komiks, as we also feature Trese and Tabi Po in this issue.

Just because last month was gamers issue, it does not mean that we would slow down the games. We have two scary games that will keep you playing all night. We also have an additional section of scary stories from Otafans like you and our own~

We hope you enjoy this two-in-one issue!

-GM Kaddy

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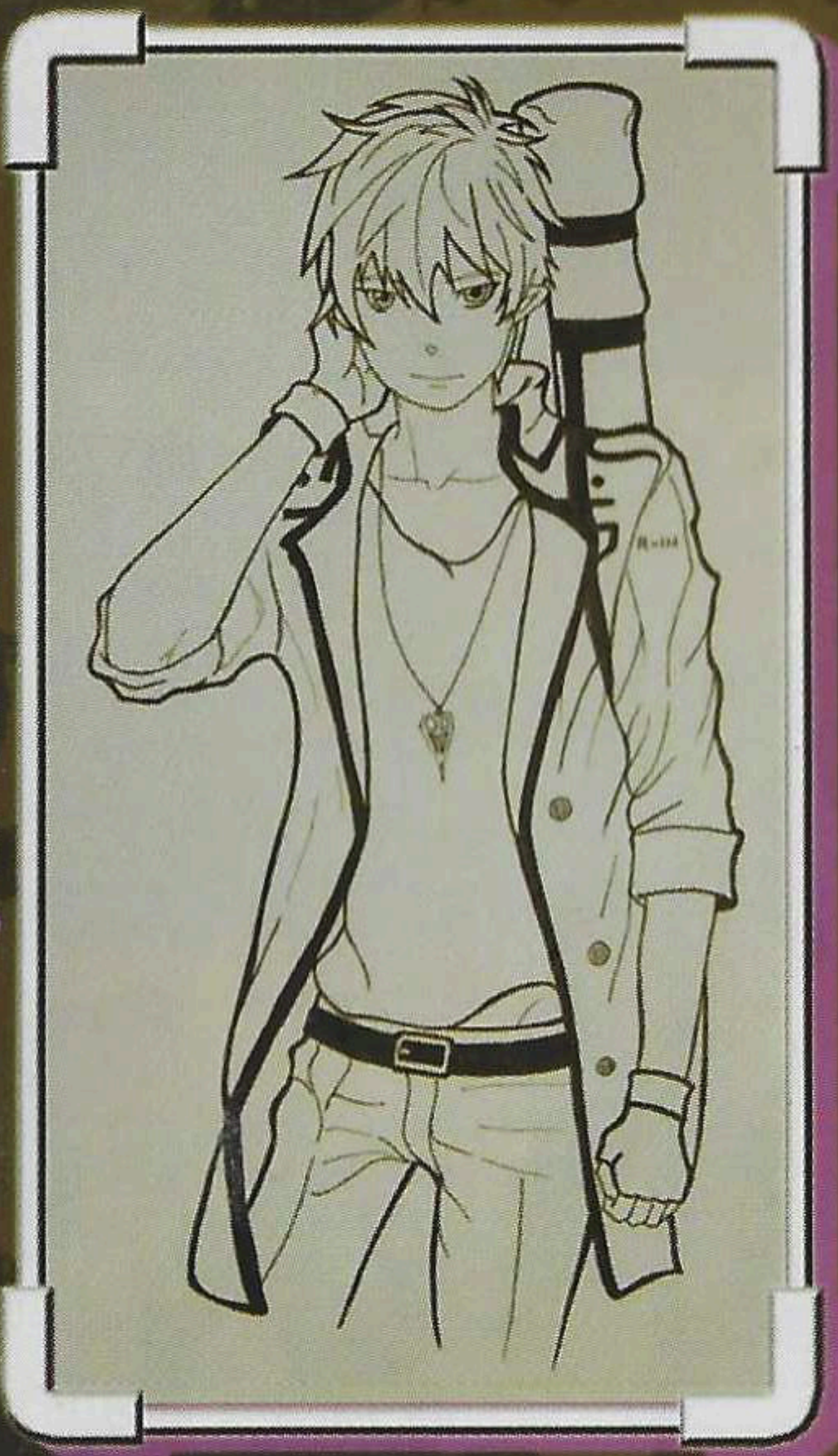
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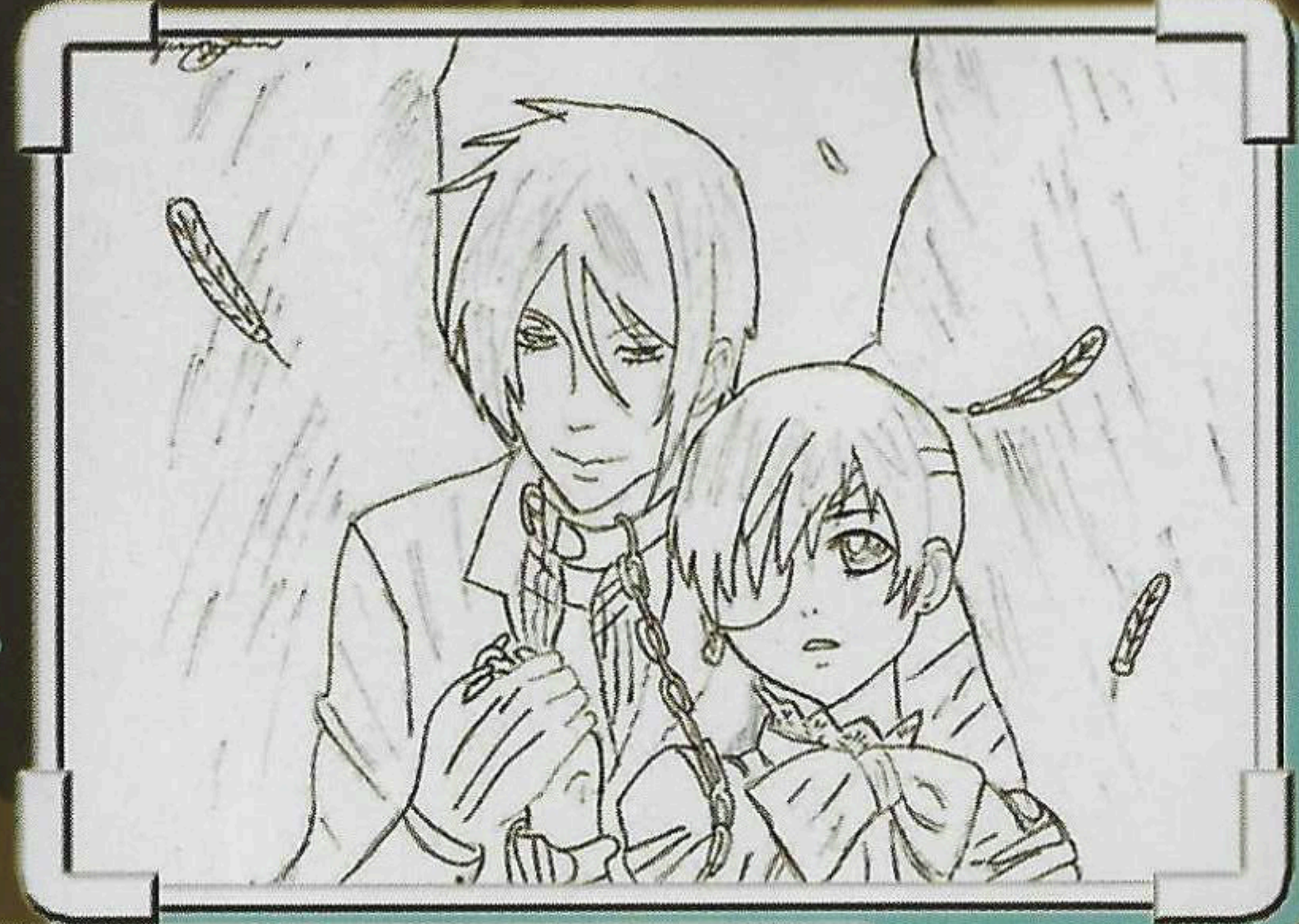
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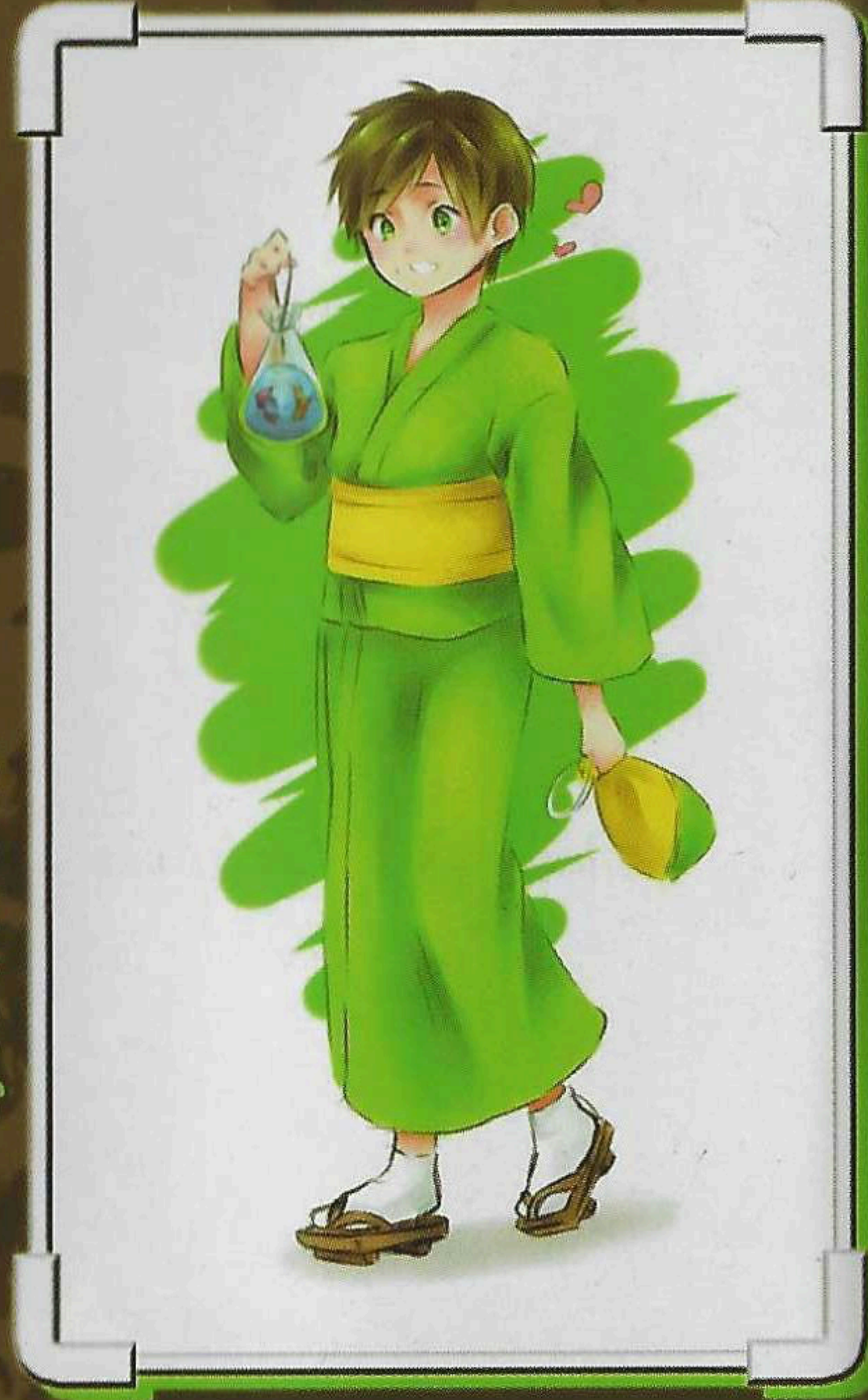
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Just bought your latest issue (the magical girl one) and I wanted to say thanks for Madoka being featured (actually one of the main reasons I got it is because I saw Kyubey in the cover), it's one of my most favorite anime.

More power and God Bless!

-Bryan Cablingan



Hello Otaku Asia! Please feature Kuroko no Basket Season 2! I really liked and enjoyed watching this anime :D More power and God Bless.

-Jups



Hi Otaku Asia staff, please can you feature the game Dengeki Bunko Fighting Climax, Dissidia 012 Final Fantasy and Gundam Extreme VS, also the anime Golden Time. Thanks!

-Roldan Oliveros

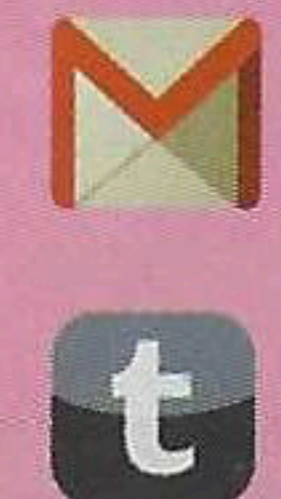


Hello Otaku Asia!!! I read your August issue and I am so happy to see my request on your awesome mag! Thank you so much for featuring Princess Tutu as well as the other awesome anime! I am truly grateful to you guys! Continue with making your fans very happy as well as keeping up the good work!! Thank you once again!!! >w<~ <3

-Hikari-Chan<3



by Quinfe Abrau Balbuena



The Fight Does Not End Here

written by kanddy

With the cliff-hanger ending of Shingeki no Kyojin anime, fans are now faced with the long wait for a second season. There is, thankfully, mangas to entertain us while we wait!

The original manga where the anime is based upon is still ongoing and news on the street is that Comic Alley, has started selling them!

North American publisher, Vertical announced that it will release Ryo Suzukage's **Attack on Titan: Before the Fall** light novel series. Where the story takes place 70 years before the original manga by Hajime Isayama. The main character will be Anheru, a member of the Survey Corps working in weapons development and will soon develop the 3-dimensional maneuver gear. Satoshi Shiki launched a manga version of Before the Fall.

Hikaru Suruga and Gan Sunaaku are also releasing **Attack on Titan: No Regrets**. It is a shojo manga focusing on the very popular character, Captain Levi. It will include his first encounter with Commander Irvin and how he entered the Survey Corps.

For the fans of school themed manga, maybe you'll love Saki Nakagawa's **Shingeki! Kyojin Chugakko** (Attack on Titan: Junior High), a parody spinoff of the popular series. Re-imagining the characters as students and teachers at Titan Junior High.

Art books will be available next year summer. **The Attack on Titan Guidebook: INSIDE** and **The Attack on Titan Guidebook: OUTSIDE** contains concept art, character profiles, papercraft and more.

With all these in store, fans can still follow Eren, Mikasa, Armin and the rest of the Survey Corps on their epic battle against the Titans.



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NEWS

Nom nom with Wagnaria!!2 and Sushi Ichi!

by kanddy



Are you hungry?

Good news, because the second season of **Working!!** is on the workes and is coming Feb 2014. Based on the comedy manga by Karino Takatsu, highschool freshman, Sota Takanashi works part-time at a restaurant with strange staff members.

Also, Cooking Master Boy's creator, Etsushi Ogawa launched yet another food manga **Sushi Ichi!**



During the Edo period, a chef named Taisuke makes delicious food that captures hearts and heals spirits.

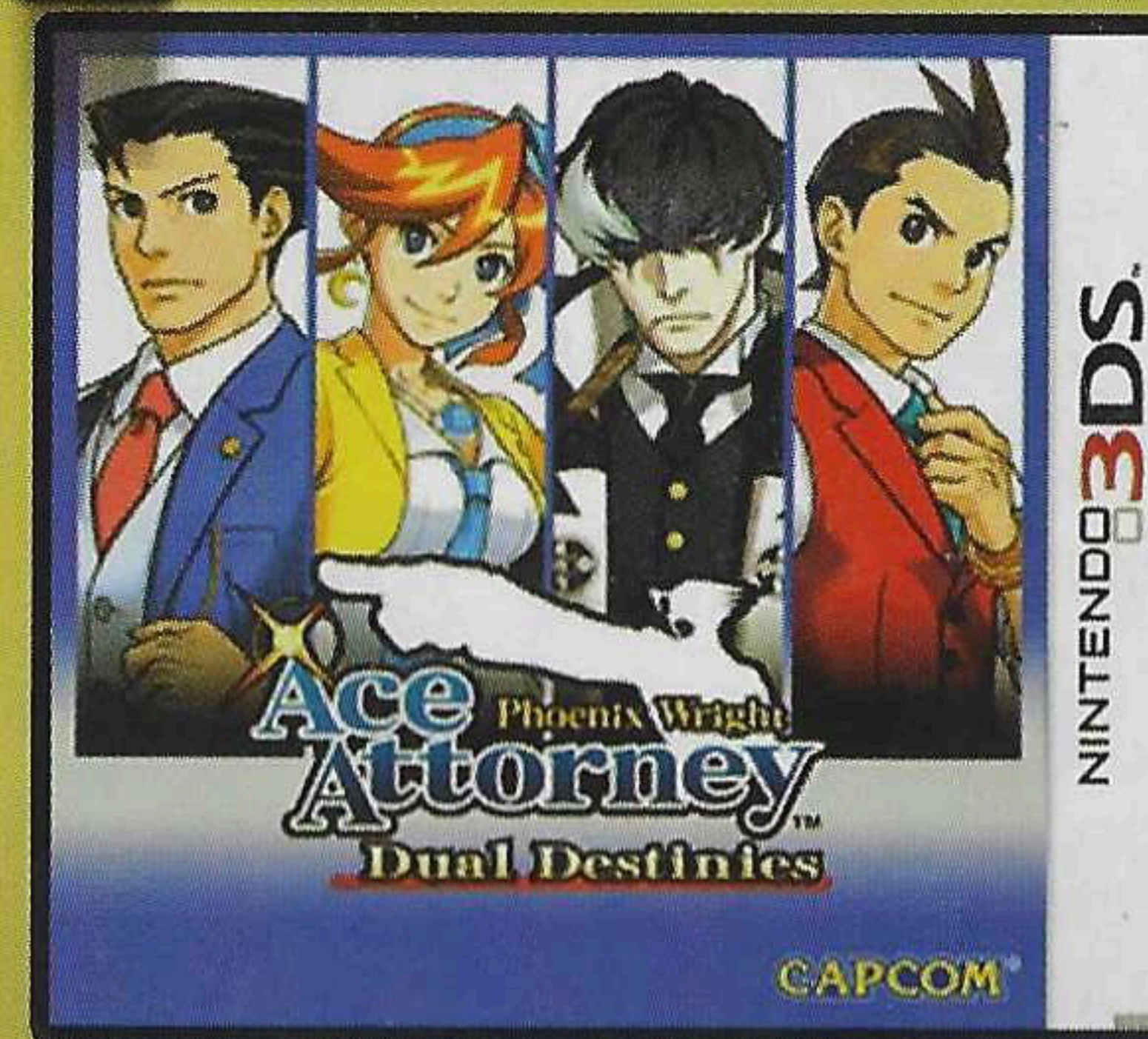


In UFC or Ultimate Fighting Championship, the name Genki Sudo is well known to be the Japanese mixed martial artist who won the Championship belt by a bet. He wasn't sanctioned as champion as the bet was personal and unofficial. However, Sudo has been winning K-1 and Hero fights in Japan. He also gained some wins in Pancrase and UFC.

Sudo retired from kick boxing 2007 and had busied himself in other activities. He wrote eight books, started an amateur baseball team and has led various wrestling teams in Japan. He was guest actor in Kamen Rider W Forever and Kamen Rider Eternal.

In 2010, Genki Sudo formed a tech, pop rock band, **World Order**. He writes, choreographs and directs the music himself. With top dancers, Masato Ochiai, Akihiro Takahashi, Hayato Uchiyama, Yousuke Morisawa, Takashi Jyonishi and Ryuta Tomita. Their music videos are unique in a way. The artists perform in a robotic fashion in public places, often depicting illusions and body expressions.

After the announcement of Tokyo 2020 Olympics, the group released a new video of the group performing their well known song, World Order. Performing in various places around Tokyo like Roppongi, Tokyo Tower and more.



Phoenix is back from recess

by kanddy

Our favorite attorney is back and he has his badge back too! **Ace Attorney: Phoenix Wright: Dual Destinies** is the fifth installment of the Gakutan Saiban series.

The plot follows a year after **Ace Attorney: Apollo Justice**. By this time, Phoenix has regained his badge. He still uses the magatama to see Psyche-locks when witnesses are hiding something.

NEW Characters



Athena Sykes

Age: 18

New defense attorney of the Wright Anything Agency. She has the ability to see through witness emotions using the "Mood Matrix"



Simon Blackquill

Age: 28

The rival prosecutor despite serving a murder sentence. Cuffed and chained, he uses psychological manipulation.

Gameplay

There will be returning characters like Trucy Wright, Miles Edgeworth, Klavier Gavin and Pearl Fey. And new characters like Winston Payne's brother, Gaspen Payne and Bobby Fulbright.

In addition to the Wright's magatama and Apollo's bracelet, there is a new gadget, the Mood Matrix and the Thought Route.

The player uses the Mood Matrix in examining the emotions of the witness in order to find the contradiction between the witness's emotional state and their testimony.

Similar to the Logic ability in **Ace Attorney Investigations: Miles Edgeworth** and **Gyakuten Kenji 2**, the Thought Route allows the player to review the known facts in order to build up a train of thought that leads to a conclusion.

In addition to this, **Dual Destinies** allows player to review the previous dialogue and an investigation memo to keep track of things to do. Also, there are two save files can be recorded and hints will be allowed when your penalty bar is low.

Nintendo 3DS has greatly improved the way we play. In **Dual Destinies**, players can view the crime scene in 3D, allowing different angles. The game will also feature animated scenes by the anime studio Bones.

Story

The District Court explodes and Phoenix defends Juniper Woods when she's accused of the bombing. Wright later meets Blackquill, a prosecutor under a murder sentence. Juniper Woods returns when a mock trial Phoenix vs Klavier turns sourly during a culture festival.

Thanks to downloadable contents, Phoenix's first trial after regaining his badge is available to play.





REQUEST

written by Dianne



Uta no Prince Sama

Music is a very powerful thing. It makes different people united as one. It also makes a person get inspired and motivated by the things he/she is doing and the best of all is that it can heal and relieve the pain a person is experiencing.

Haruka Nanami dreams of becoming a composer so she entered Saotome Academy, a prestigious school of performing arts. All of the teachers in there are idols and on the top of that, the headmaster of the school is a record breaker singer; who sold 20M copies of his single entitled "owing to love". With all the students with potential studying in that school, will she be able to become successful in there and become one of the Shining Agency debut artists?

Directed by:
Yuu Kou

Genre:
Romance, Comedy, Music,
Idol Anime

Licensed by:
Sentai Filmworks, Crunchyroll

Total No. of Episodes:
13 (Season 1)

If you're into idol anime boys then this is the right anime for you. You will not get bored watching this anime because this is also packed with romance comedy that you will surely love. Let's follow Haruka's life at Saotome Academy as she gets surrounded by many male good looking characters.

NISSIN YAKISOBATM

Yaki-sobrang sarap!



*Serving suggestion only.

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Assassination Classroom

"Supernatural beings" are the names that we sometimes call the people who excel in such outrageous skills and talents. But, what happens when the one exhibiting these extraordinary capabilities is actually not a human being but some alien-like creature you come face to face with? What would you do?

70% of the moon was destroyed, making it a crescent shape thanks to a powerful creature called "Korosensei". Korosensei threatened the people that within one year, he will destroy the earth completely. However, he will delay the destruction of the universe in only one condition: to be the homeroom teacher of Class 3-E of Kunugigaoka Junior High School.

Class 3-E comprises of students with very low grades, making them the object of discrimination in their institution. However, a secret task was imposed onto these students by the school authorities to kill their professor in exchange for a 10 Billion Yen reward. Motivated by the amount of the prize and the fame they can possibly achieve, the students try their hardest to slay their professor but only to no avail. Being a creature with supernatural prowess, Korosensei only regenerates back to health whenever he is destroyed. What might happen to the world then if the cycle of regeneration goes over and over again? Will the students of Class 3-E be able to save the world or will the world meet its apocalypse in a very short span of one year? Follow the adventures of class 3-E as they try to defeat and kill Koro-sensei in Assassination Classroom!

Written by:

Yusei Matsui

Published by:

Shueisha

Manga run:

July 2012 – ongoing



Ever thought of what the world of the samurais would look like if aliens invaded them?

That is what happened in Gin Tama. During the edo period, aliens or 'Amanto' took over their place and implied a sword ban where samurais are no longer allowed to freely carry their swords.

Sakata Gintoki, a previous samurai who is now a good-for-nothing lazy bum, has no plans with his life besides eating sweets or using his almost non-existent money to buy a copy of his favorite manga. There is also Shinpachi Shimura, the glasses-guy otaku whom Gintoki helped save his sister Tae from the amanto. Then Kagura, a pale girl who can eat large amounts of food, is a actually a member of the strongest alien clan Yato. Later, he teams up with the two and resided on a cheap apartment where they can't even afford the rent. Together they formed the 'Yorozuya', a group who will do any job just to earn some money.

Gintama is a comedic, historical sci-fi samurai anime written and illustrated by Hideaki Sorachi. Published by Weekly Shounen Jump magazine during December 2003.

The story doesn't even follow a long-term plot, but that is what makes this anime a unique one. The hilarious dialogues of the cast will surely make you think how crazily interesting this anime is, even if the characters are doing nonsense acts. It will surely make the viewers burst out into laughter, as parodies from popular animes such as Bleach, Naruto and many more can be seen in the series.

So if you are looking for a bizzare and unworldly anime where parallel worlds collide. Hi-technology aliens versus old-fashioned warriors, cute puppies that grow into monster sizes, a lot of 'throwing up' here and there, 'shinsengumi' (samurai police forces) that can never be seen having teamwork and a trio of unlikely characters that will do anything for money. Get your tummyache medicines ready for this anime has a lot to offer. SERIOUSLY!

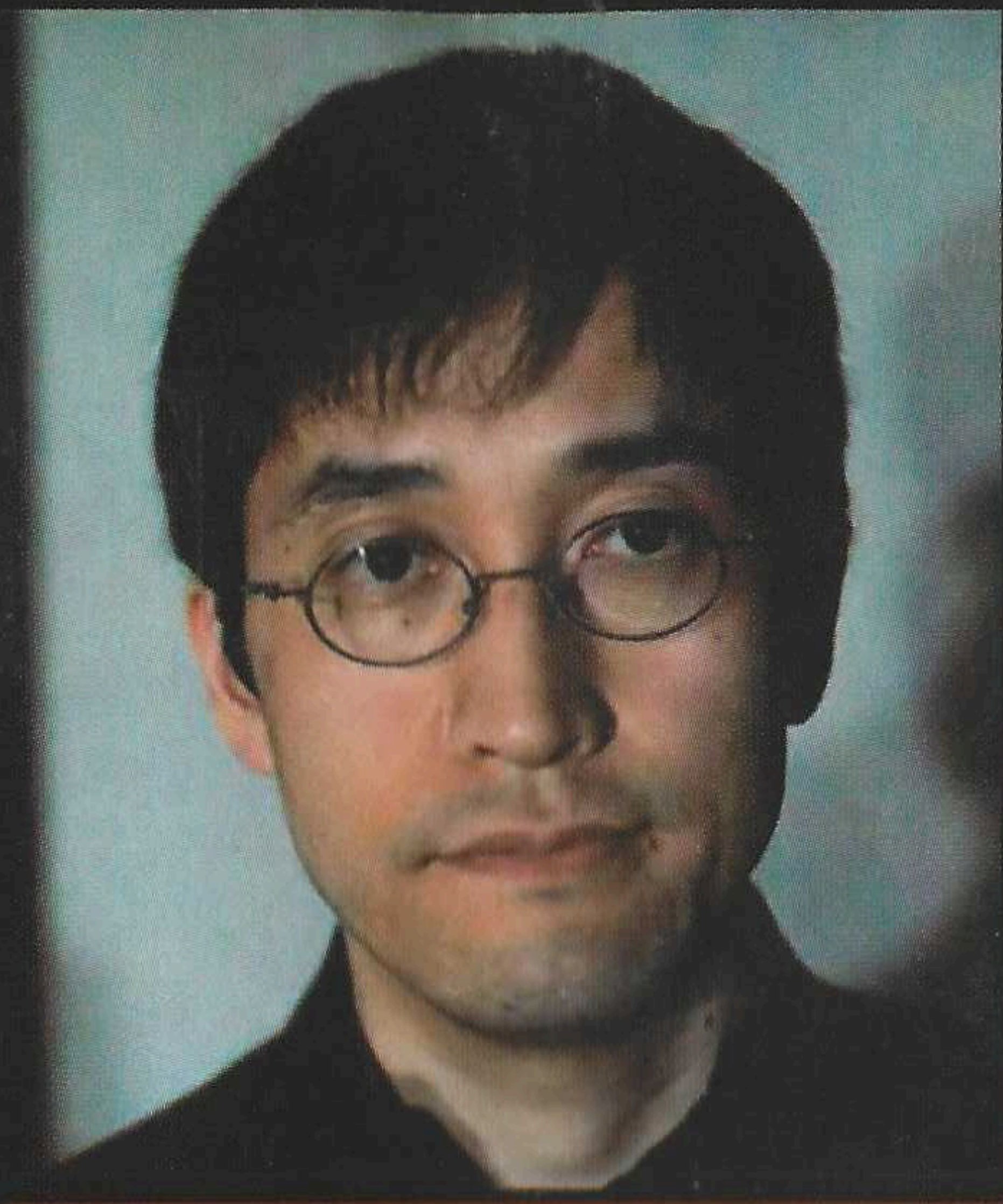
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GIN TAMA



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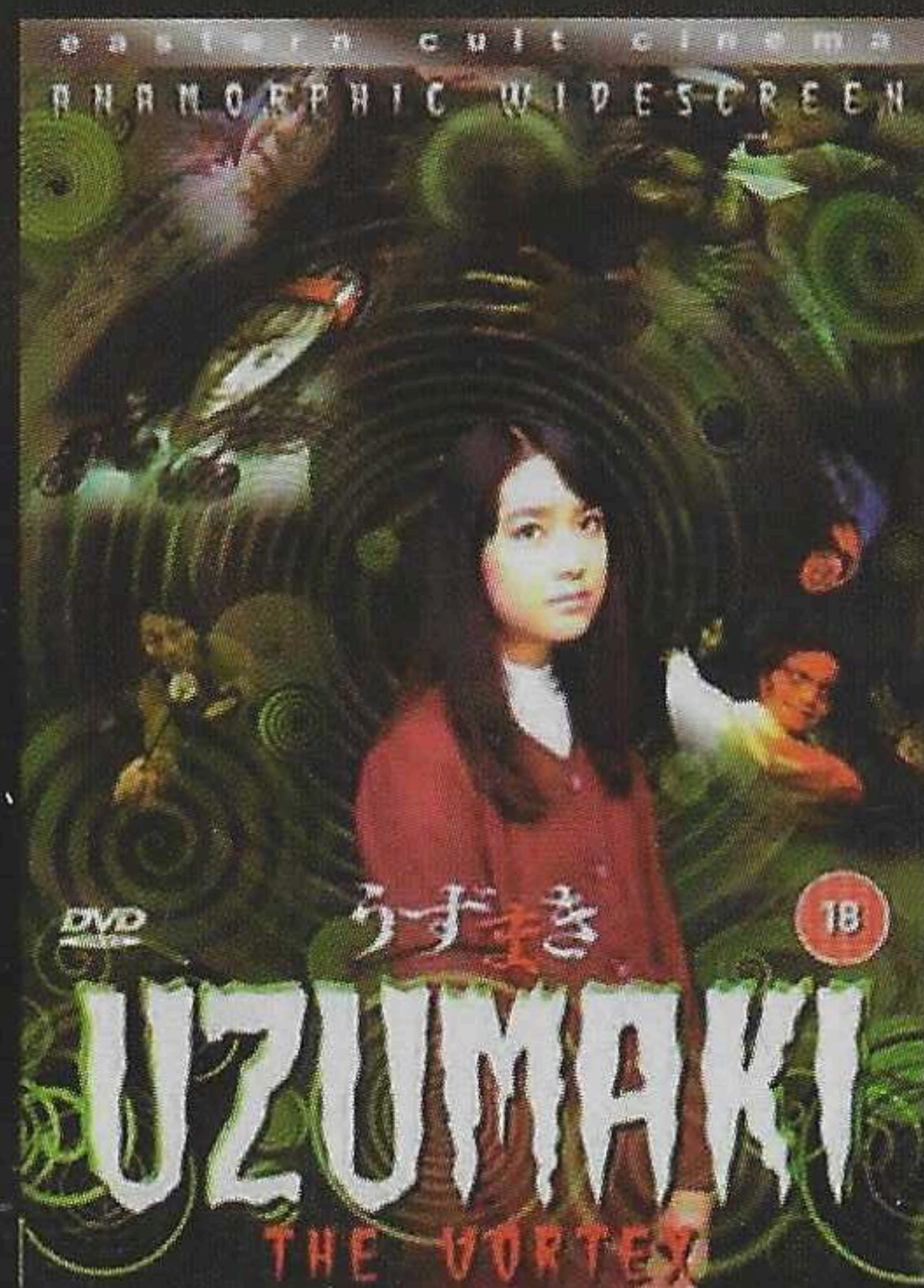
Grandfather of Japanese Horror Manga JUNJI ITO



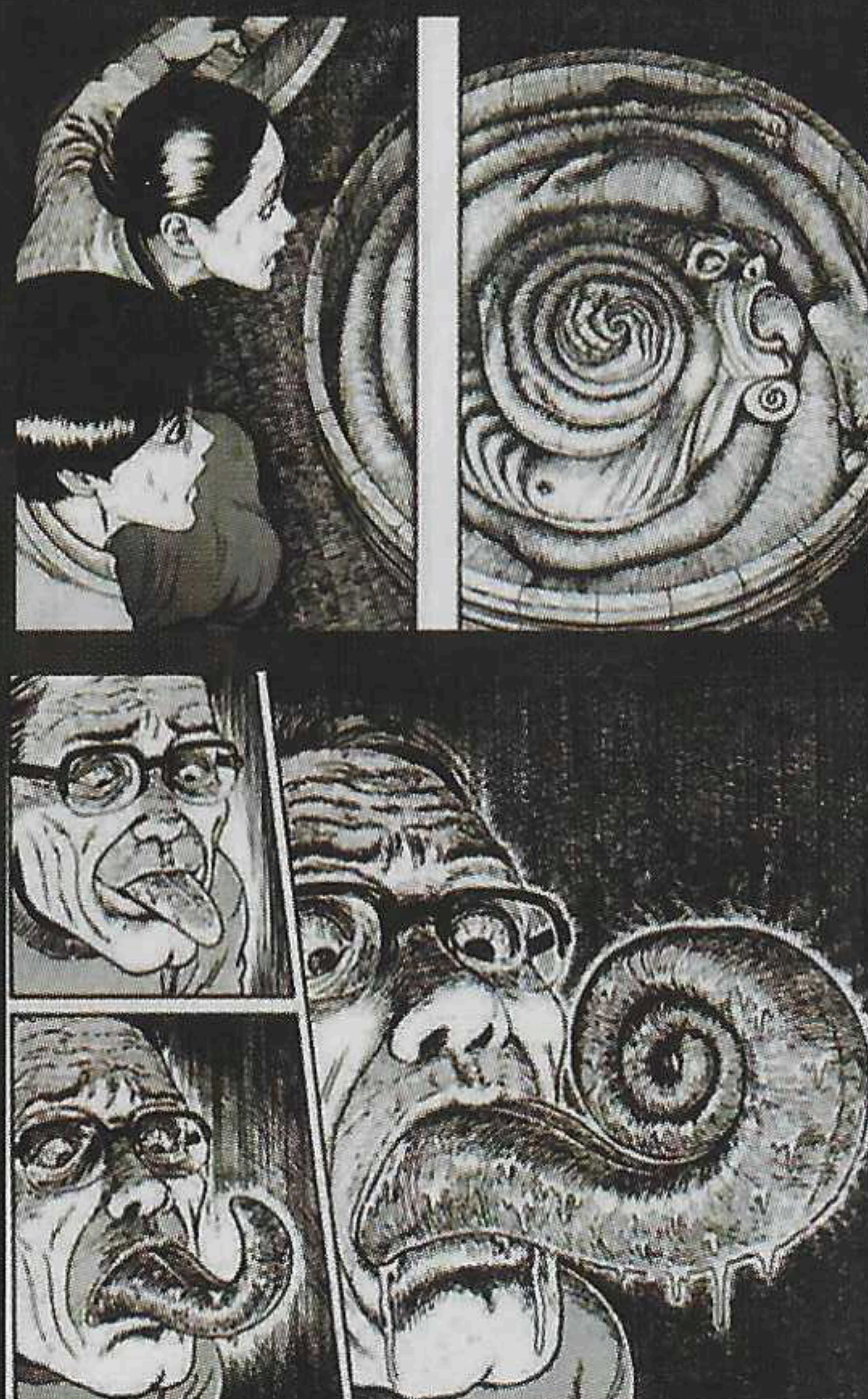
Born in Gifu Prefecture of Japan in 1963, Junji Ito is inspired by his older sister and Kazuo Umezu's (horror mangaka famous for his 'The Drifting Classroom') work at a very young age. While Ito was working as a dental technician in the early 90's, he began to write horror stories and draw manga as a hobby. He tried submitting a short story to Gekkan Halloween where he won an honorable mention in the Kazuo Umezu Prize for horror manga genre. Since then, Ito's works are mostly body horror where seemingly ordinary characters begin to act weird and irrational, societies breaking down, sea creatures with awful stink and even outer space madness and many more. Some of his most notable works includes Tomie, Uzumaki, Gyo and Kakashi.

Some of his notable works:

Uzumaki

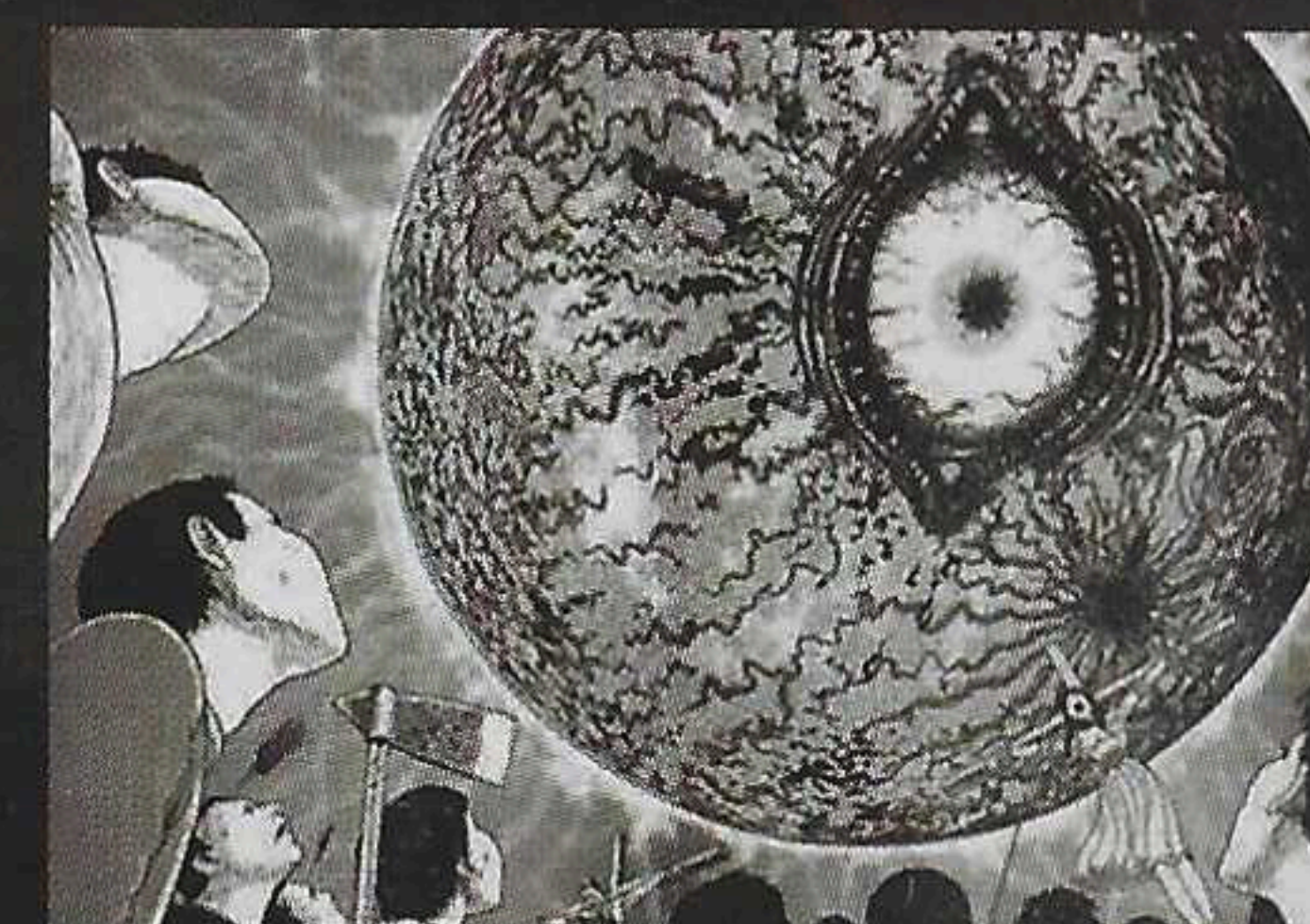


Uzumaki is based on Junji Ito's episodic manga of the same name. It is about the small town of Kurouzu, which became infected with the 'curse of the spiral'. Kirie, a high school girl, was the first one to notice the strange phenomena. When the father of her boyfriend, Shuichi, begins to film a snail and was also making a scrap book of any spiral or vortex shape images, his weird obsession threatens to go out of control. It was then that he became 'cursed' with the spiral. It was then that the "Spiral" began to spread all over the cursed town.



Tomie
Tomie Kawakami, a beautiful high school girl with long black hair and a distinguishable mole under her left eye, was found murdered. While investigating, the policemen discovered that nine students and one teacher have either committed suicide or gone insane the following months after the crime. The main plot is about an eternally youthful, self-regenerating highschool girl who inspires her obsessed admirers to murder each other and finally her, but who is herself endlessly reincarnated. Tomie is the comic series for which Junji Ito is best known and the first one to have a movie adaptation.

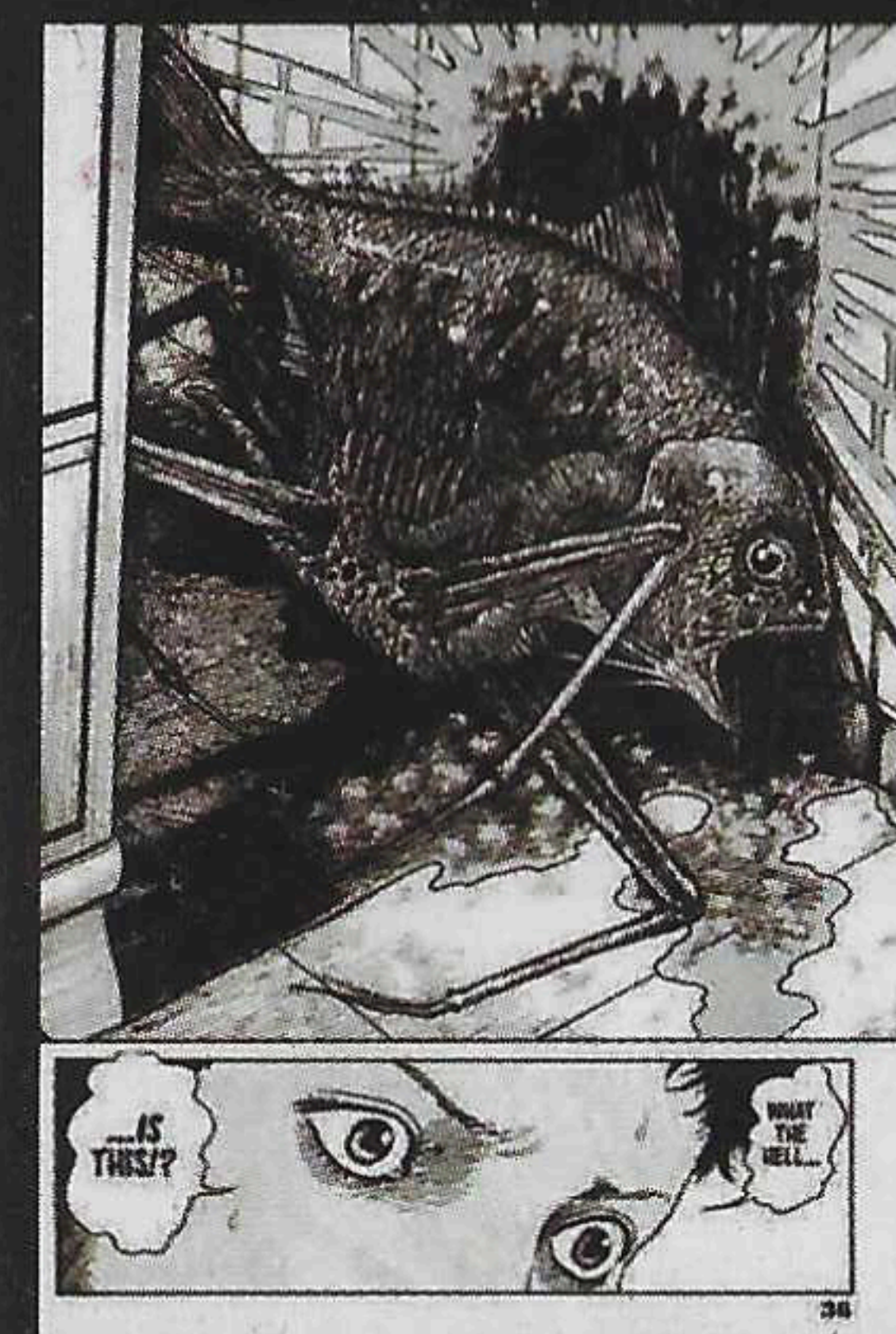
Hellstar Remina



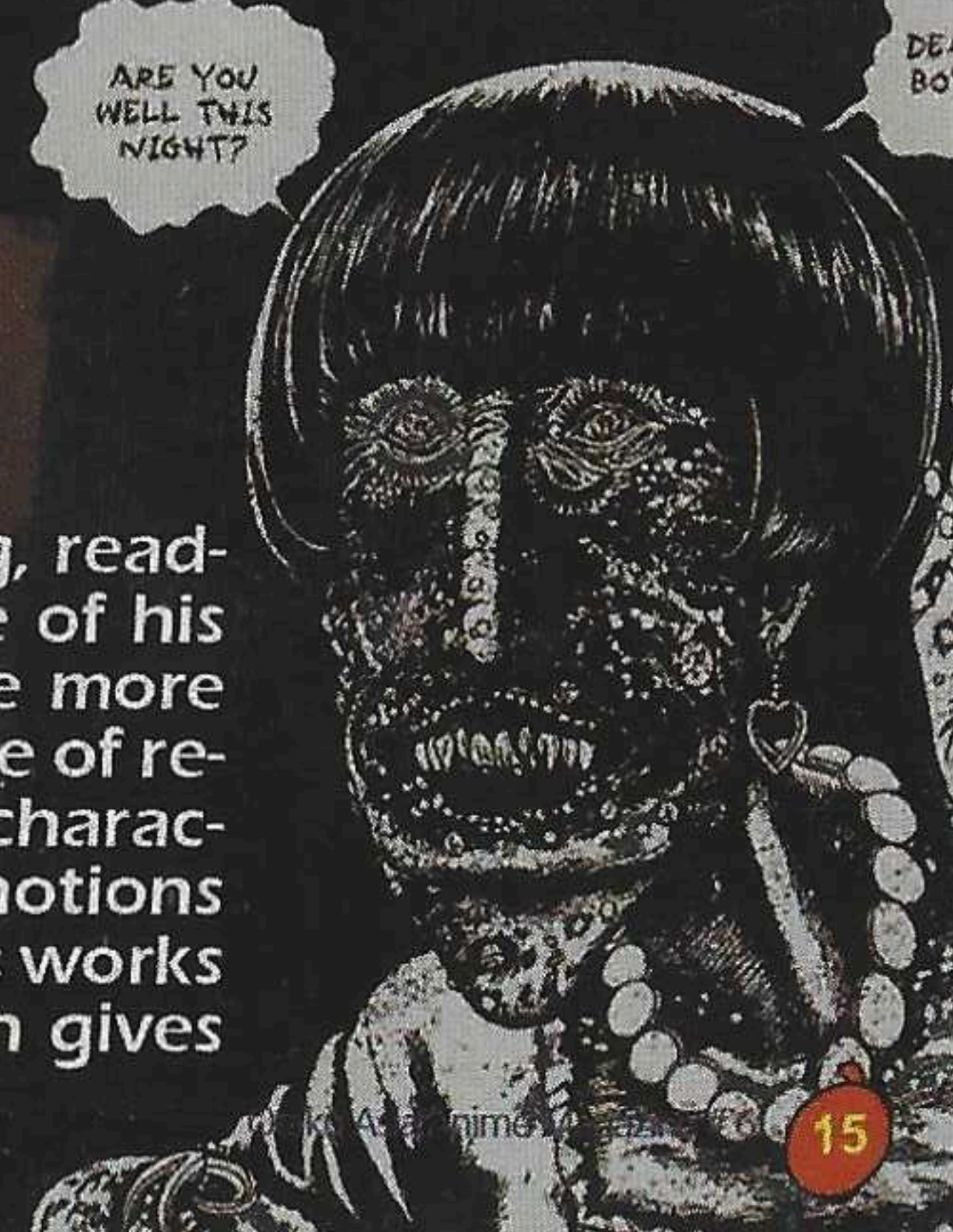
Set in the future, when humanity has established colonies on both Mars and the moon, Professor Oguro witnessed a planet emerging from a wormhole. He named the planet Remina, after his only daughter. The planet and the daughter, who was sought after by talent agencies for her good looks, both became the focus of the media. Remina, due to the public's pressure, finally gives in and becomes a celebrity. While the planet Remina was heading away from the Solar System, they merely find its behavior fascinating rather than disturbing. Years later, things take a turn for the worse when astronomers notice the planet stop and turn back. Even worse, the incoming 'Planet Remina' enters the galaxy, to everyone's shock and terror, begins obliterating the other planets which sends Earth into panic. As the 'hellstar' comes closer and closer to Earth, Remina and her father tries their best to hide. They've become the subject of persecution when people started believing that sacrificing the two would somehow stop 'Hellstar Remina'.

Gyo

During World War II, the Japanese Army researched about germs that produces the "death stench" in a desperate effort to turn the tables of the war. Germs produced a foul-smelling gas from the body tissue and quickly killed the test animals. Walking machines were built to carry the 'death stench' farther, allowing them to reach and sicken enemy troops. The ship carrying the prototypes for the walking machines was attacked and sunk. The mechanisms attached themselves to the fishes using them as host and crawled ashore, without water, the fishes died. People from the nearby town then encountered creatures that look like fish corpses with scuttling, sharp metal legs. Now, they need to face a new horde of those infected, rotten people and try to survive the stench.



His style of art is eerie and captivating, readers will surely be drawn to read more of his works even though the plot might be more and more cruel and gruesome. The use of realistic designs and expressions of the characters and background brings out the emotions and suspense in his stories. Many of his works have been adapted into movies which gives the viewers more thrill.





BENTO BOX

MARSHMALLOW FONDANT

Materials:

Microwave
Microwavable bowl
Wooden spoon / spoon
Plastic wrap
Large Ziplock Bag

Ingredients:

1lbs unflavored, white marshmallows
2lbs powdered sugar
2 tbsp water
food coloring (optional)
food flavoring (optional)
vegetable shortening

Perfect for molding
candies, Soul Eater's souls, One Piece's Devil
Fruits, Zenki's Seeds of Karuma, Goku's Senzu bean and more!

Kanddy will help you make fondant from marshmallows~

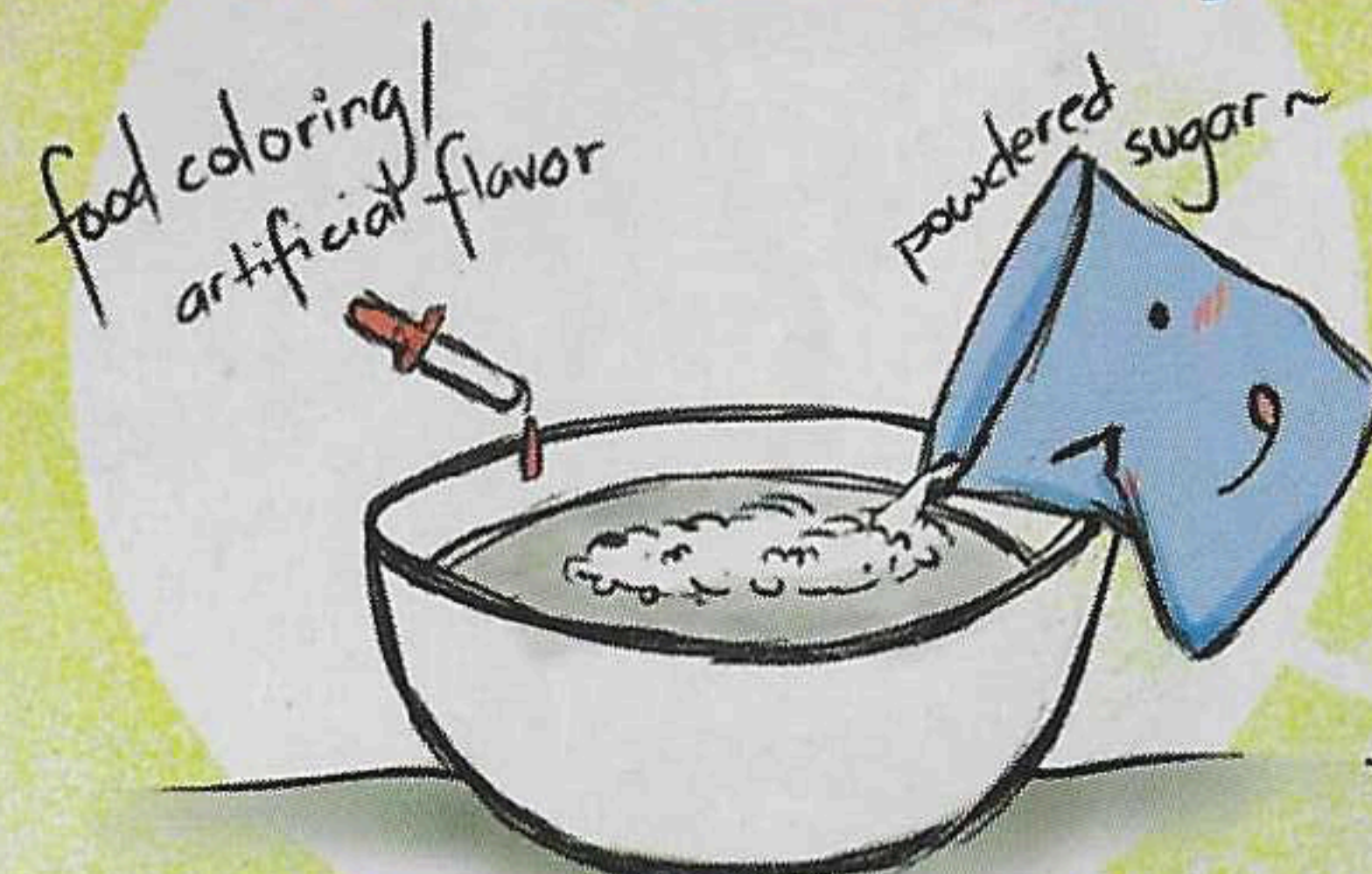
*shortening is grease you put on your hands and your table so that the fondant would not be messy and sticky.

*Powdered sugar and shortening are available in the grocery or in baking stores.

// directions //

1. Place the marshmallows and water in the microwavable bowl. Place in microwave for 1 minute. Stir.

2. Microwave for 30 seconds. Stir. Continue to microwave for 30 second intervals until the mallows are smooth and creamy and not burnt.



3. This is when you can add food coloring or food flavoring. Stir well to spread the color or flavor evenly.

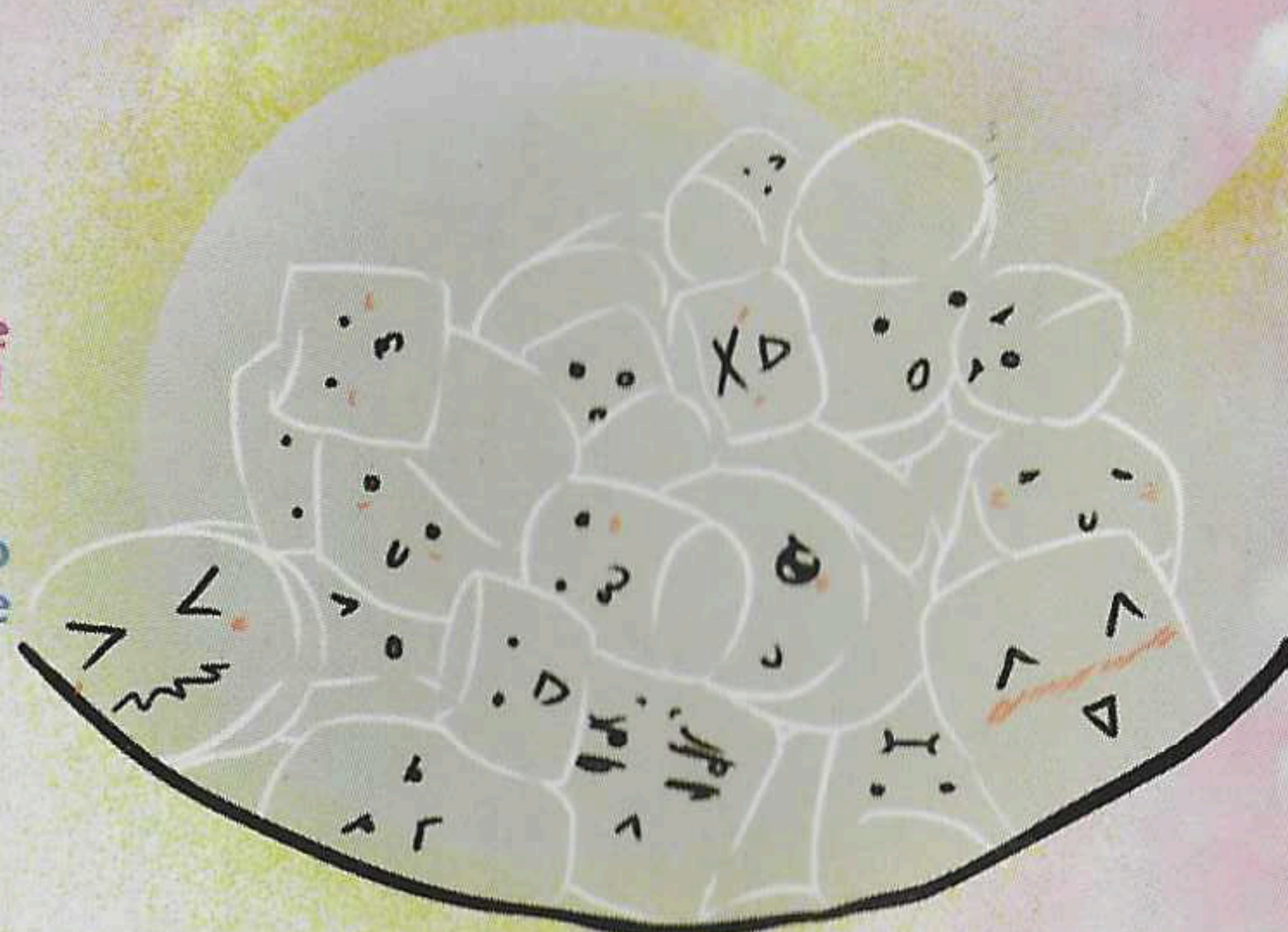
4. Gradually add half of the powdered sugar while stirring. It will get thicker. Stop stirring when it becomes difficult to stir with a spoon.

5. Now place vegetable shortening on a clean table top and clean hands. Place the melted mallows on your table (careful, it's HOT). Keep adding powdered sugar gradually and keep kneading.

*Keep reapplying shortening on your hands to keep the fondant from sticking.

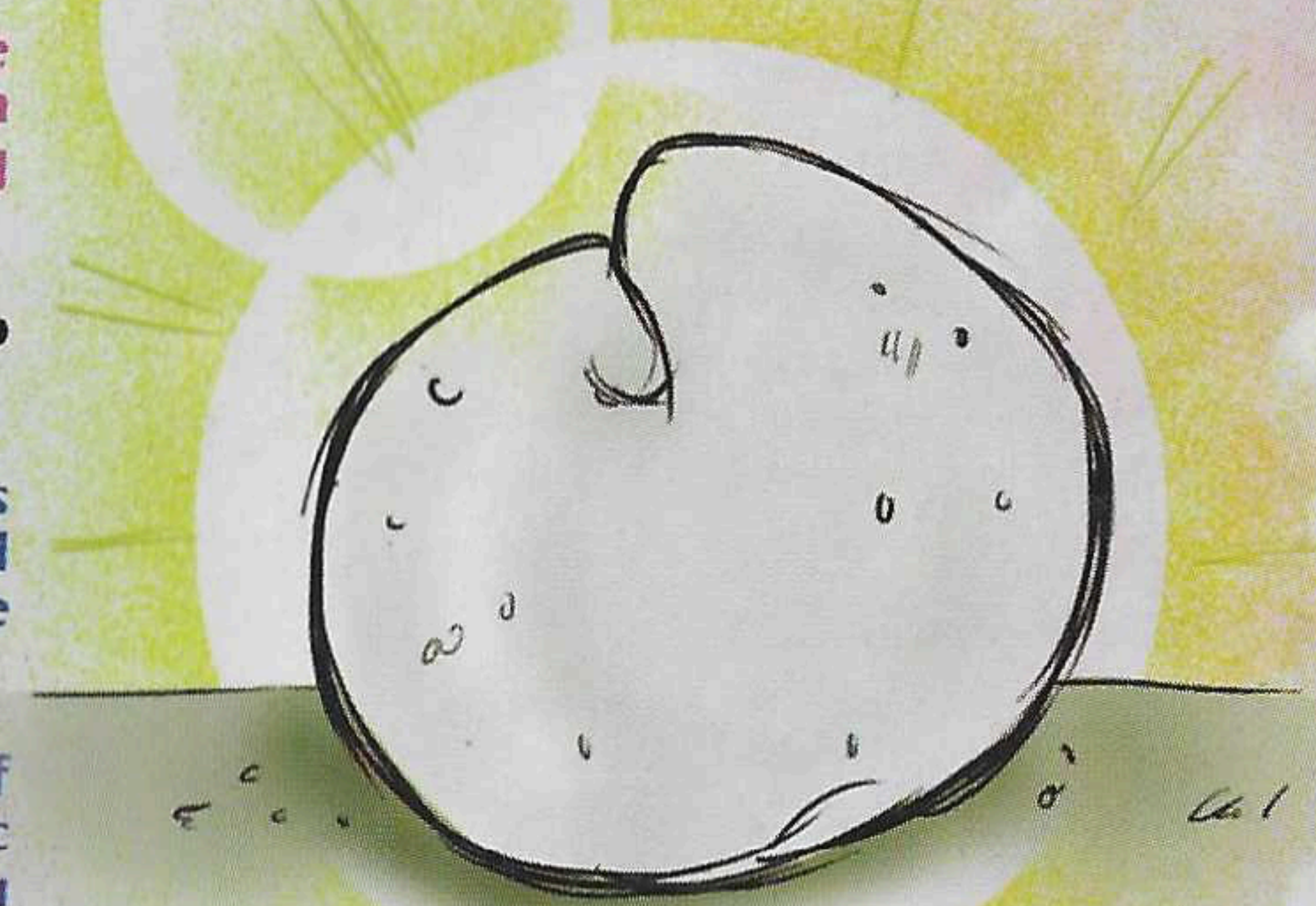
6. Stop adding sugar when the fondant stops absorbing it. When your fondant can be stretched without tearing and when it's not anymore sticking to your hands, its done!

*Form it into a ball and apply a small amount of shortening on the surface. Wrap it tightly in plastic wrap and place it in the ziplock. This is how you store your fondant so it wouldn't dry out.



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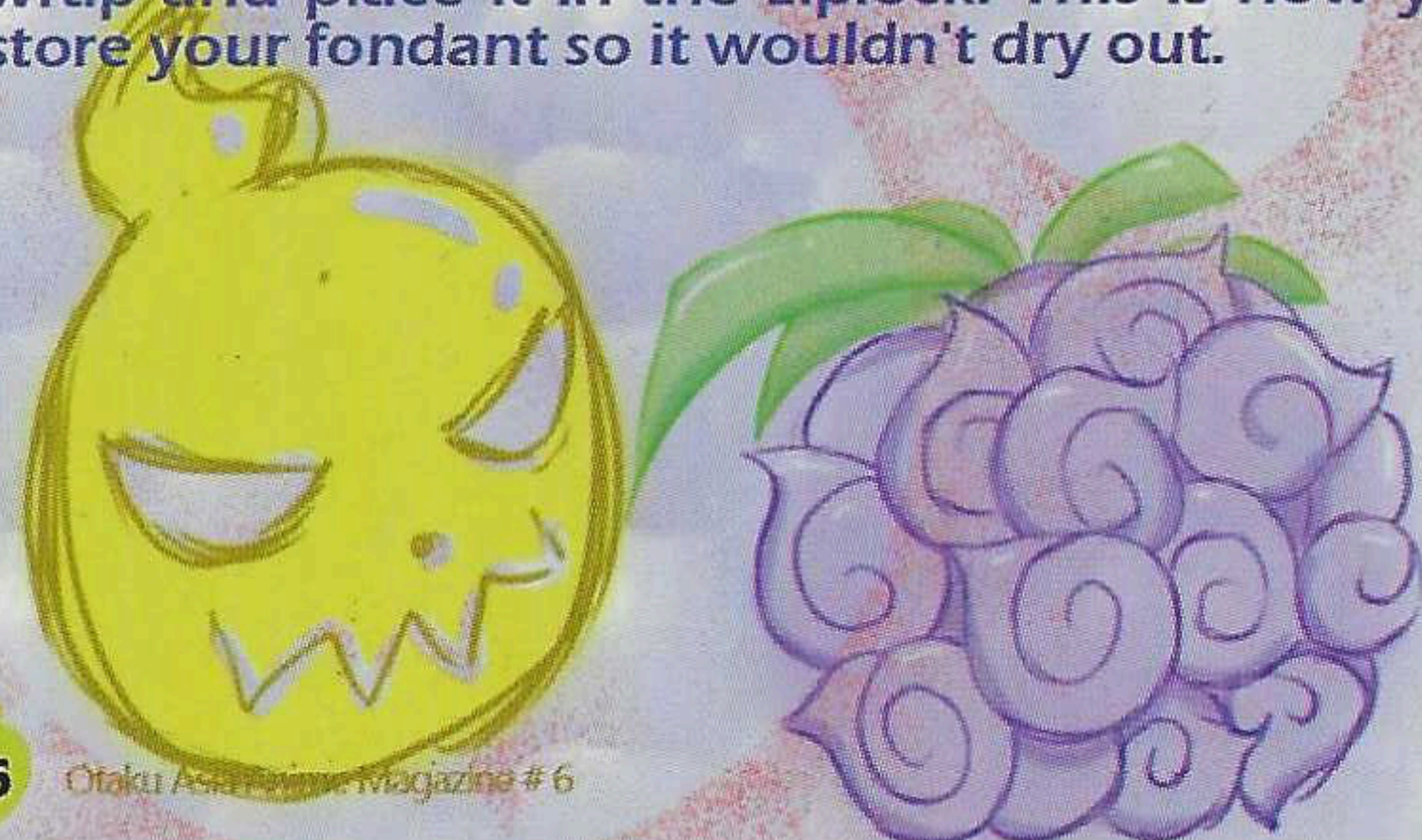


With your marshmallow fondant, you can make it into any shape you want!! (like clay)

O-kun suggests you try making the ff:
Beginner: souls from Soul Eater, Goku's Senzu bean

Intermediate: Devil Fruit from One Piece

Advanced: little humans in Survey Corps uniform (then you can be the titan)



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COSPLAY MANIA 13

Last October 5 and 6, SMX experienced the biggest cosplay convention of the year. The grounds was invaded by cosplayers, photographers and con-goers.

Otaku Asia will tour you through Cosplay Mania 13: Overdrive's happenings



Cosplay Mania 13: Overdrive took three Function Rooms on the second floor of SMX. Room 3 is free and open for all guests where they are free to set up cameras, to sit down and chat, to eat. Room 4 is for various events, contests, auctions, sponsors and exhibitors while Room 5 houses the main stage and big competitions such as Helmet Making Contest, Cyberzone Cosplay Grand Prix 2nd Heat Finale, TORCH Finals and Cosplay Solo Showdown.

With a great deal of international guests like Kaname, Reika and Goldy, CosMania surely is the most exciting cosplay event.

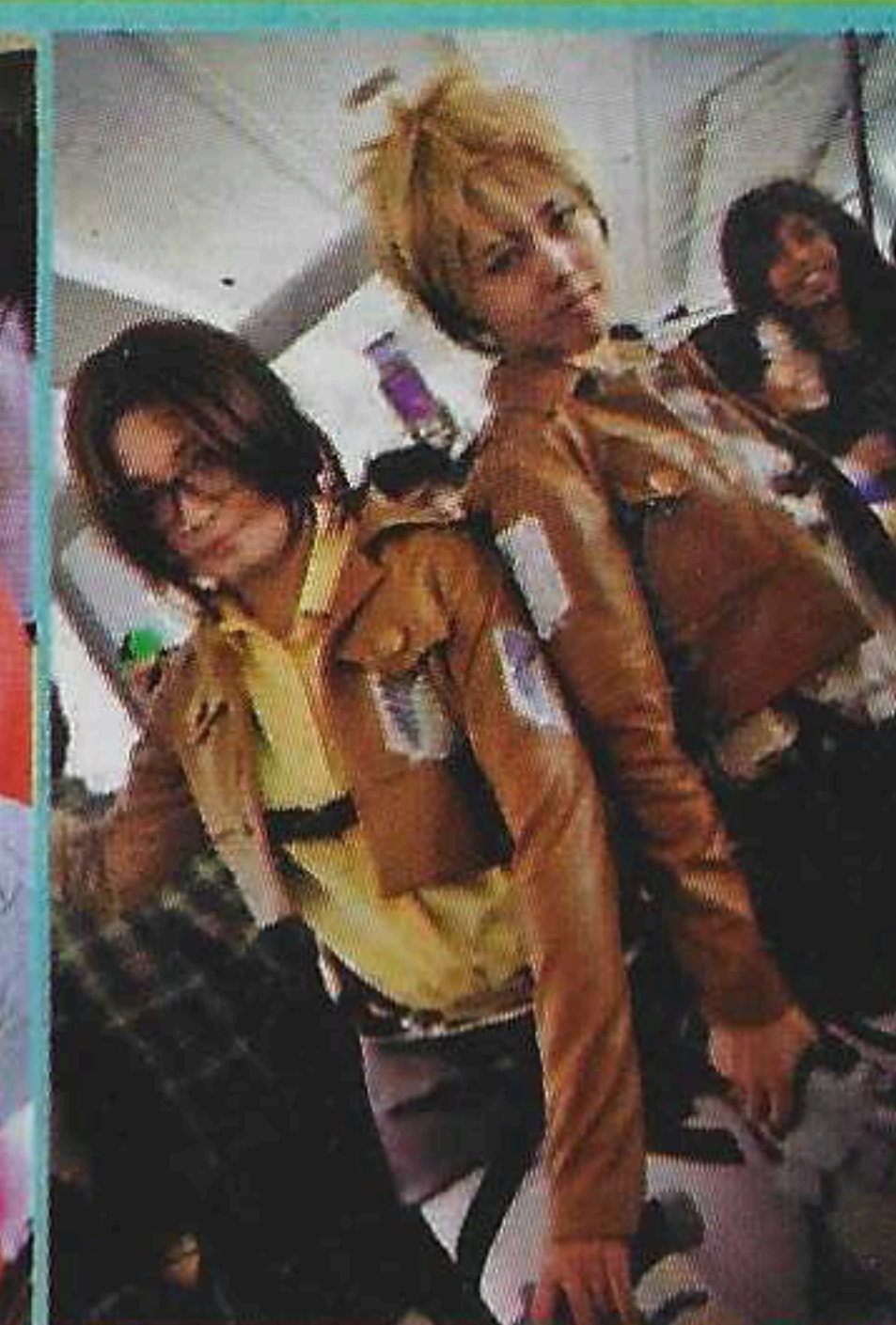
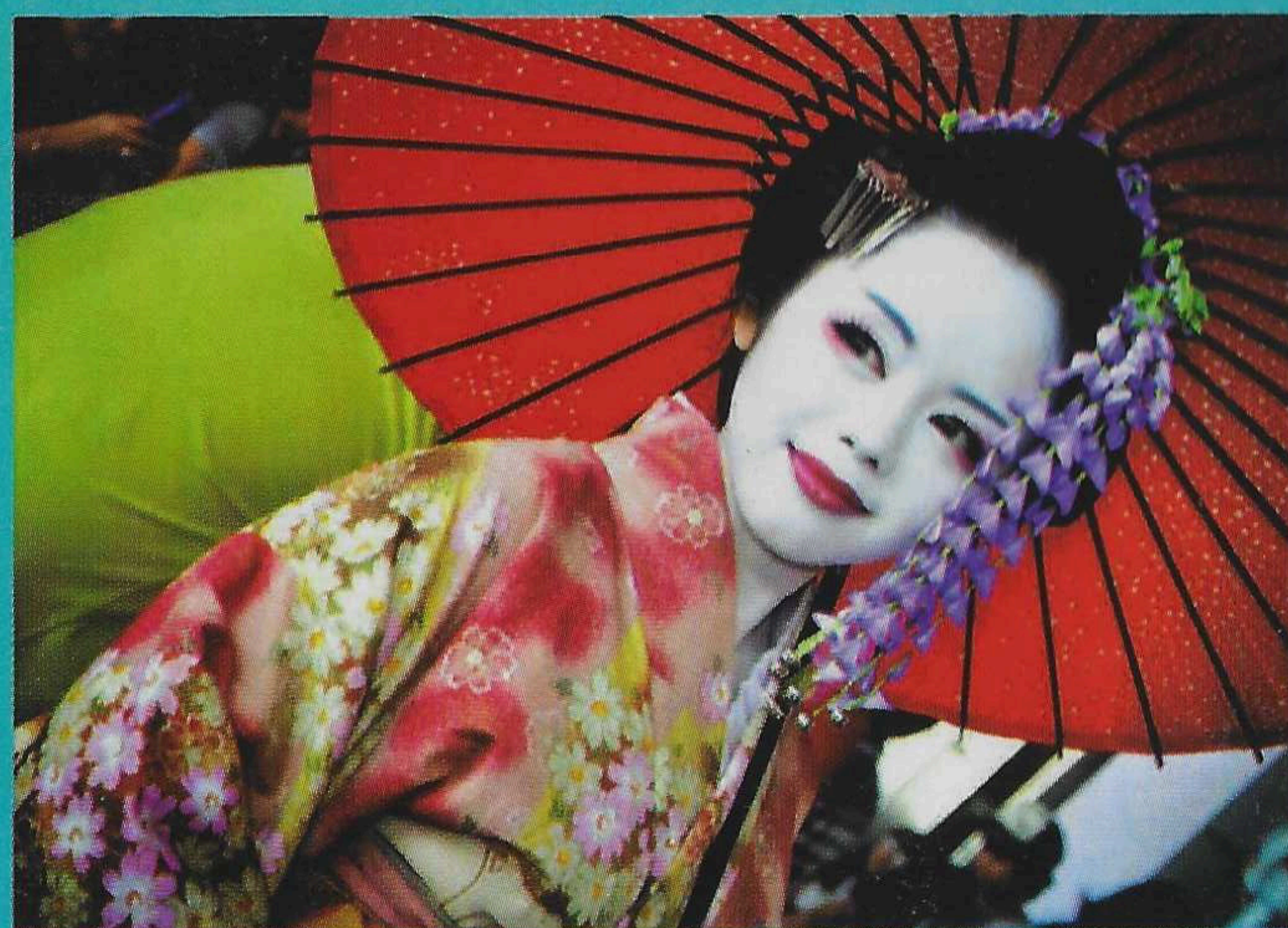
Saturday started with raffles and giveaways. People also watched Superman Unbound in Room 5 while eating their free Chippy and Slurpee. Then the party started: Endless Illution, a cosplay team from Indonesia, with Orochi X, Shinji X and Pinky Lu Xun went onstage for a panel discussion. The crowd went wild when Kaname performed onstage and did a bit of Q&A.

The World's Finest Stage Performance is from Pablo Balran, President of Cosplay.Ph as Superman and Guy Singzon as Batman. Batman died and it was awesome.

The most awaited event, TORCH Grand Finals, is the talk of the hall. Epic performances, beautiful effects and outstanding cosplays awed the judges: Jesuke, Goldy, Reika, Kaname and Orichi X.



STOP LOOK & LOVE COSPLAYERS



Function Room 3 may have been open for free for all cosplayers but it did not stop everyone from staying outside the rooms.

Cosplayers were told again and again to avoid loitering the corridors.





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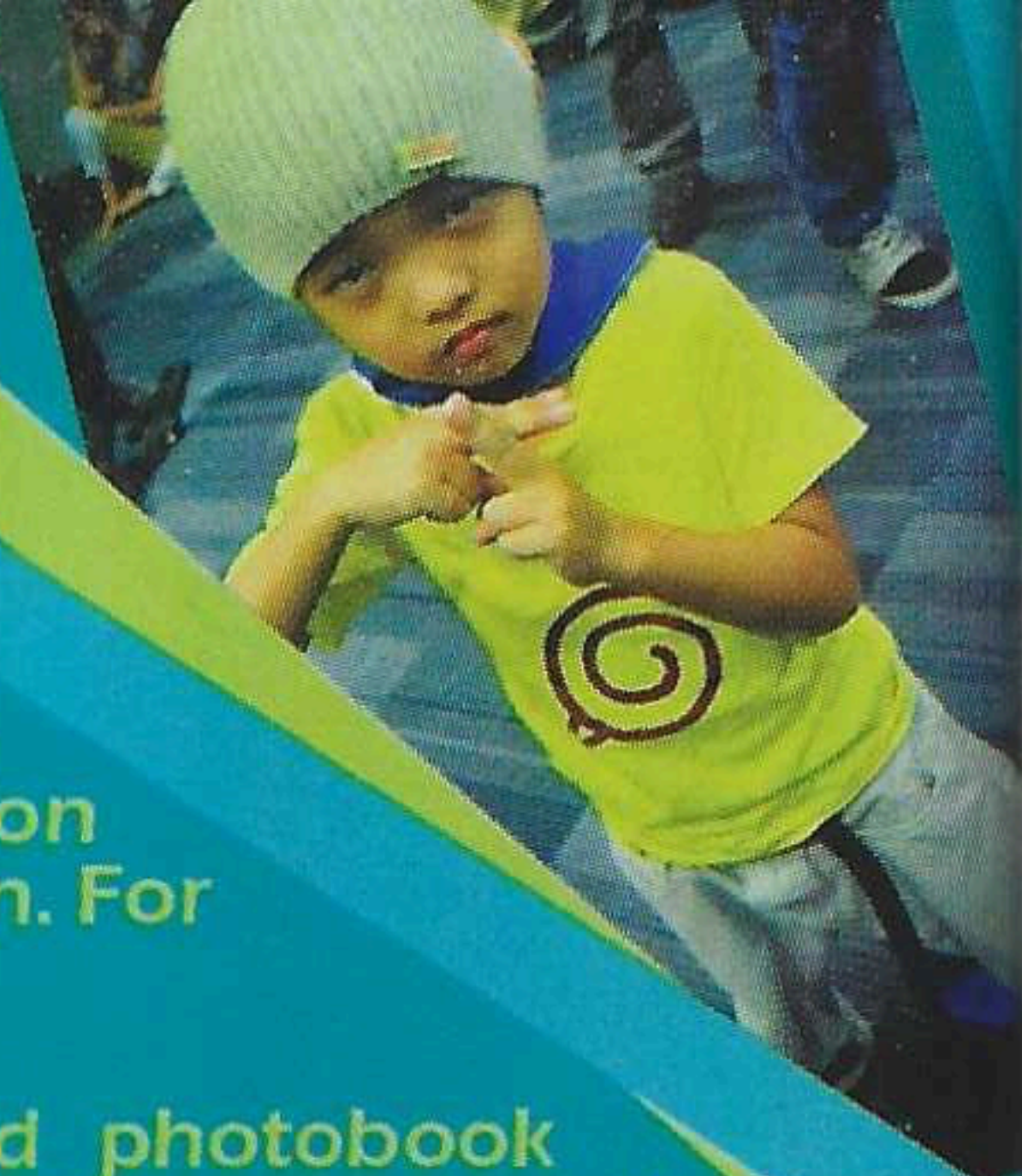
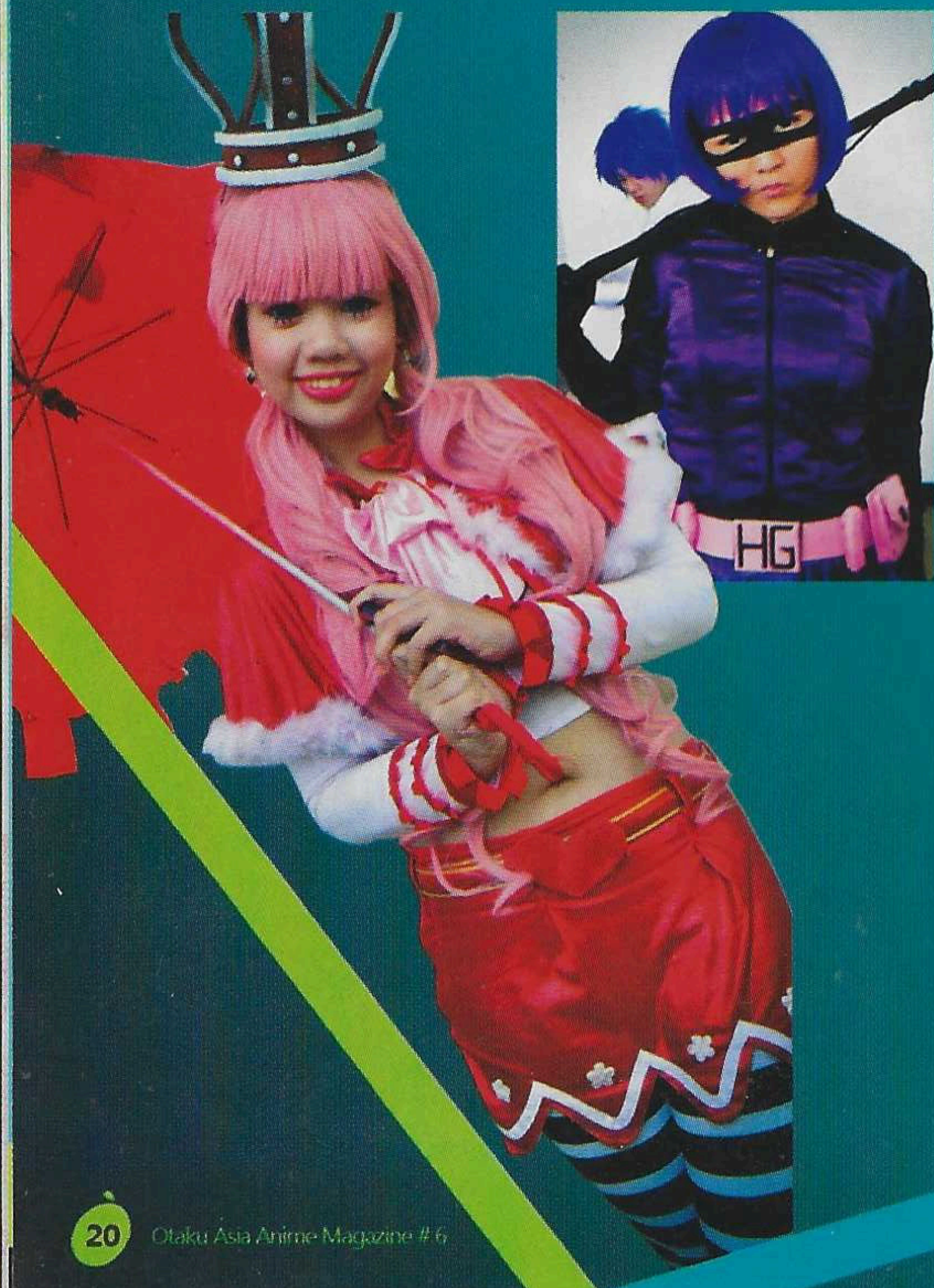
We got to ask Reika a few things during her meet and greet (yes, Reika is a she~). Reika Arikawa started her cosplay journey back when she was just a congoer with friends. When she saw cosplayers having a lot of fun, she was inspired to join them. As for her future cosplans, it all depends on what manga she likes and which character will catch her attention. For now, she just wants to be able to enjoy cosplaying for everyone.

The CosShope sold Cosplay Snapshot 4, a full 100 colored photobook featuring the finalists of the Cosplay Snapshot Contest. With that were signed posters of the international guests like Jesuke, Viospace, Reiko and Vic

Function Room 4 was a maze of wonders. There was a Attack on Titan wall background, Animax hosted a giant jigzaw puzzle game, there was also a gamers area. The Goldilocks booth was boasting beautiful cakes, event partners Gatsby and Brother, showed off their products. And who could miss the booth of the Embassy of Japan and the DFA?

All in all, the event was mind blowing. It was very organized and neat. The events followed the schedule and everything was carefully rehearsed to give the audience and guests a ONE BIG SHOW.

Cosplaying these days has become more popular and more creative. As this event has taught us, cosplaying is not a joke. There are materials to be bought, weapons to make, costumes to sew, wigs to design and make-up to place. At the end of the day, we are all here to have fun with friends. Just as Sir Bairan said, it's all about the camaraderie.



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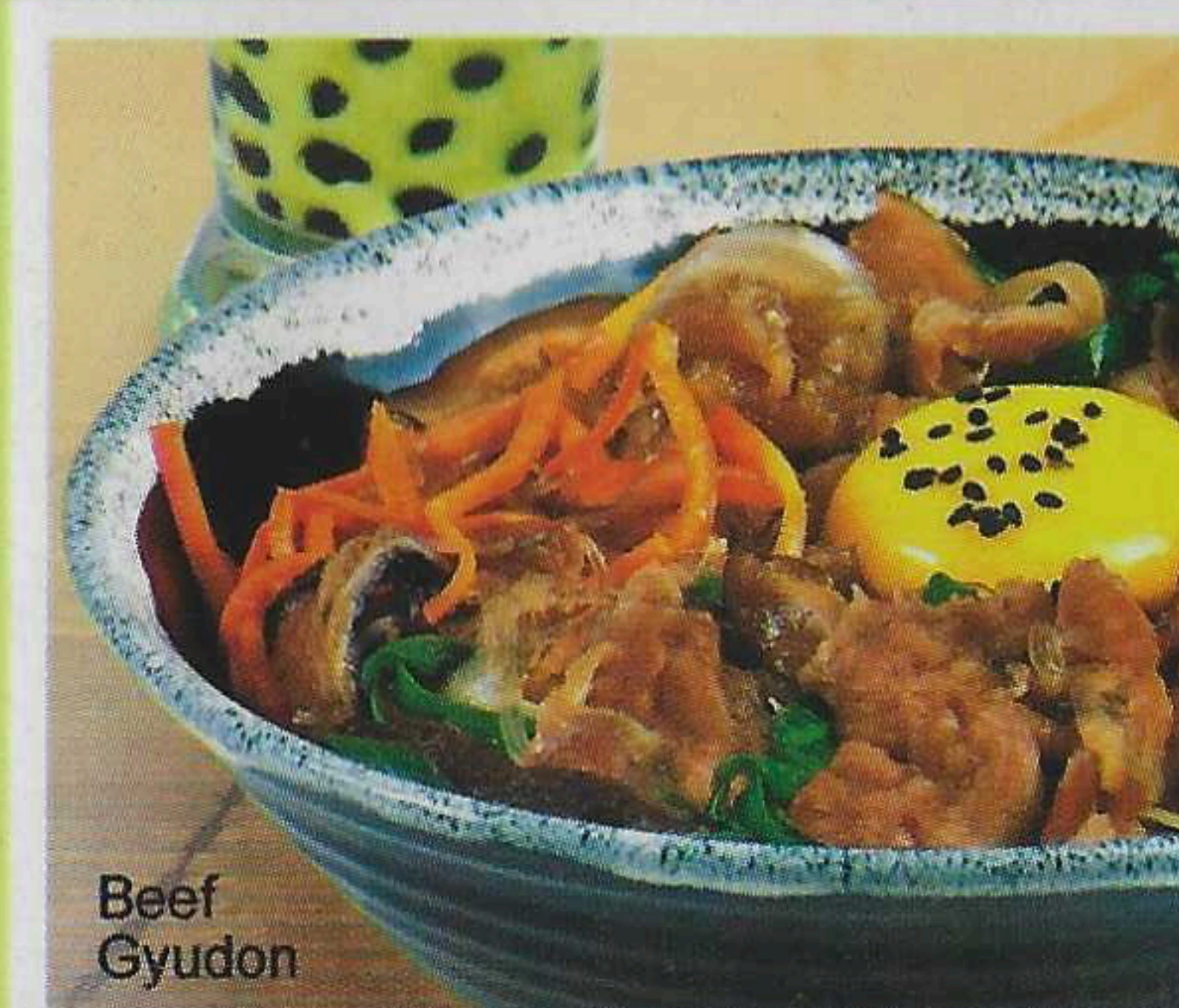


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A New Horizon of Music

Seid ihr das Essen?
Nein, wir sind der Jäger!

Anyone who watches the latest anime would have heard of **Linked Horizon**, thanks to the popularity of *Shingeki no Kyojin*. The lyrics above is an excerpt from the first opening. Singer, composer, arranger, vocalist, guitarist, pianist and accordionist, Revo leads this one man band. But did you know that prior to *Linked Horizon*, Revo also leads other musical groups? (yes, plural)

Introducing Sound Horizon!

Technically a solo band with only Revo as a member, Sound Horizon brings in other well known and pre-loved artists every release. Each album tells a story and therefore characters must be portrayed/sung. There is always a narrator, orchestra, a number of female artists as their characters and of course, Revo. They are called a "fantasy band" because of the fantasy stories of their albums.

The songs shines the most during concerts, with the group performing the songs one-by-one in the form of a musical stage play. It really feels like a fantasy when the singers wearing the costumes of their characters, acting, singing and dancing are onstage.



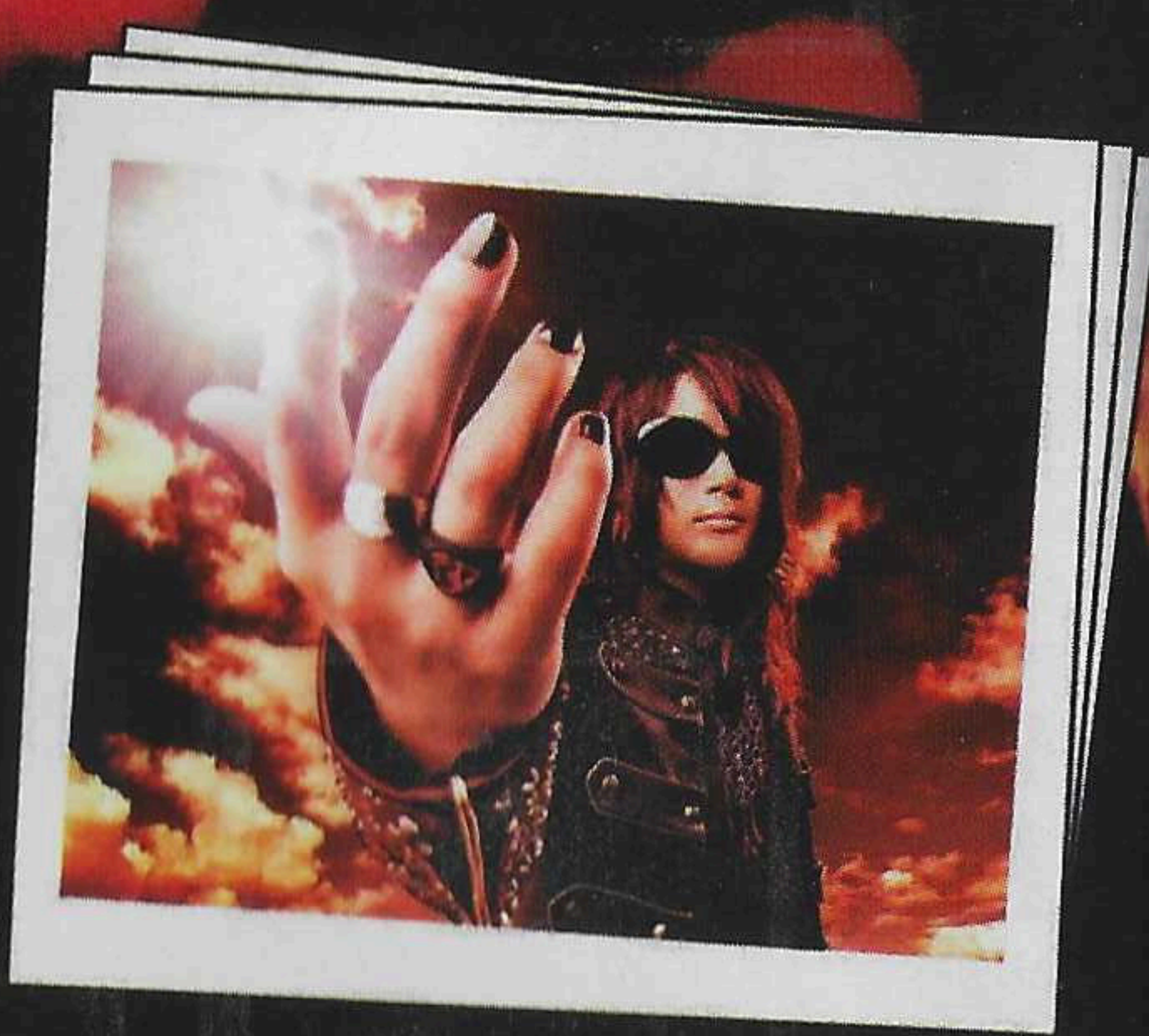
In the late 1990s, Revo started his road towards the project by posting his compositions online. Soon after, Revo formed the group Sound Horizon alongside Yokoyan. They participated in the 2001 Winter Comiket, which marked the beginning of the group in the doujin music circle. They had their first live concert on 2005, which was labeled "Story Concert". This format is a concert depicting the content of a Story CD, resembling an actual stage play.



One of their popular album is *Roman*. The first album where Revo started singing in the songs.

Hiver Laurant dies before getting born. Wanting to see the world, he sends two dolls, Violette and Hortense to tell him what happens in the world he should have been born into.

They give Hiver stories of his funeral and other people that they've encountered.

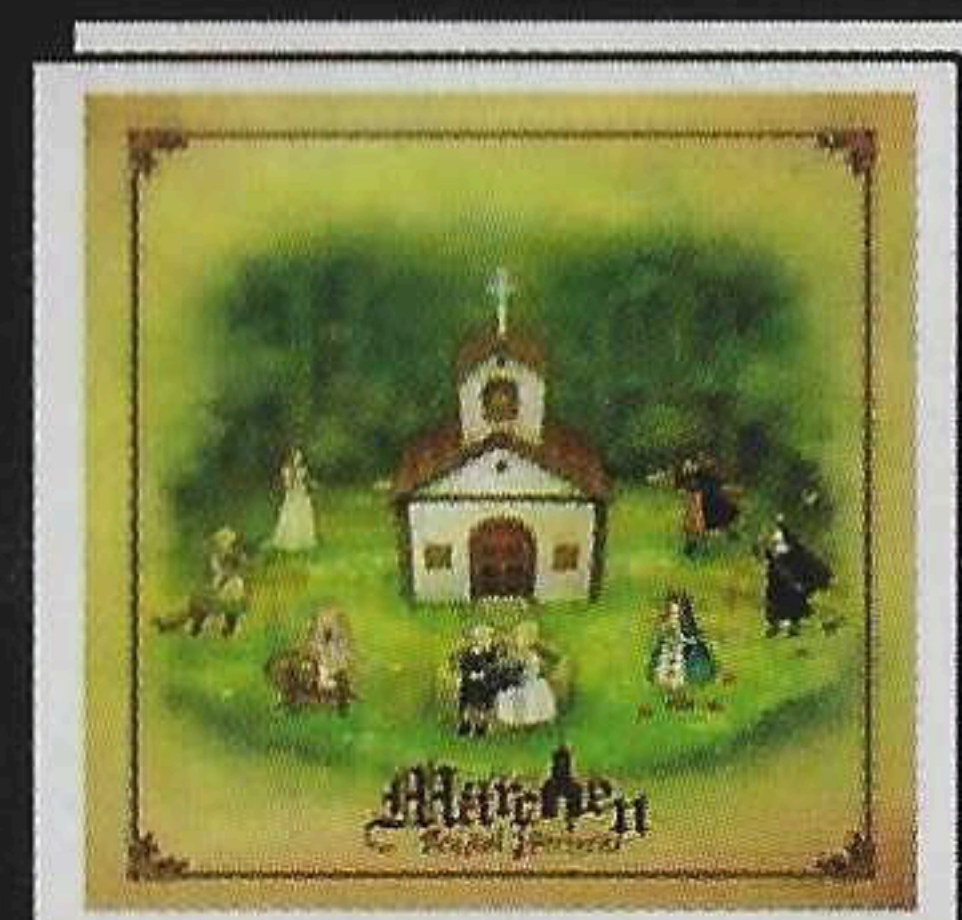


SH released *Moria* in 2008, where a Russian millionaire Alexei Romanovic Zvolinsky unearths the Elefseya legend.

In the legend, fraternal twins, Elefseus and his sister Artemisia, were born. The twins' life wasn't all sweet and rosy. They got abducted, adopted, separated and slaved. When Elefseus found out Artemisia sacrificed her life, consumed by hatred, he teamed up with Thanatos, the God of Death.

Together, they aim to recreate the world in Deaths' image.

After learning the legends, Alexei found out that his wife is pregnant with twins.



One of the more recent releases, *Marchen*, wherein a man named Märchen von Friedhof finds a doll. The talking doll named Elise compels him to aid seven "princesses".

These princesses not being too different from the well known fairy tale princesses we know and love. Such as Snow White, Hansel and Gretel and Sleeping Beauty.

The band went into a period of inactivity in 2011. However, with *Shingeki no Kyojin* popularity, Revo's group is bound to return with a bang.

October 9, they released **Halloween to Yoru no Monogatari** with Pony Canyon. With three songs, of children trick or treating.



Sound Horizon's theme may be a bit too dark and bleak but with all the story telling and the dreamy sounds of music, you will be captivated in the fantasy.

Guren no Yumiya

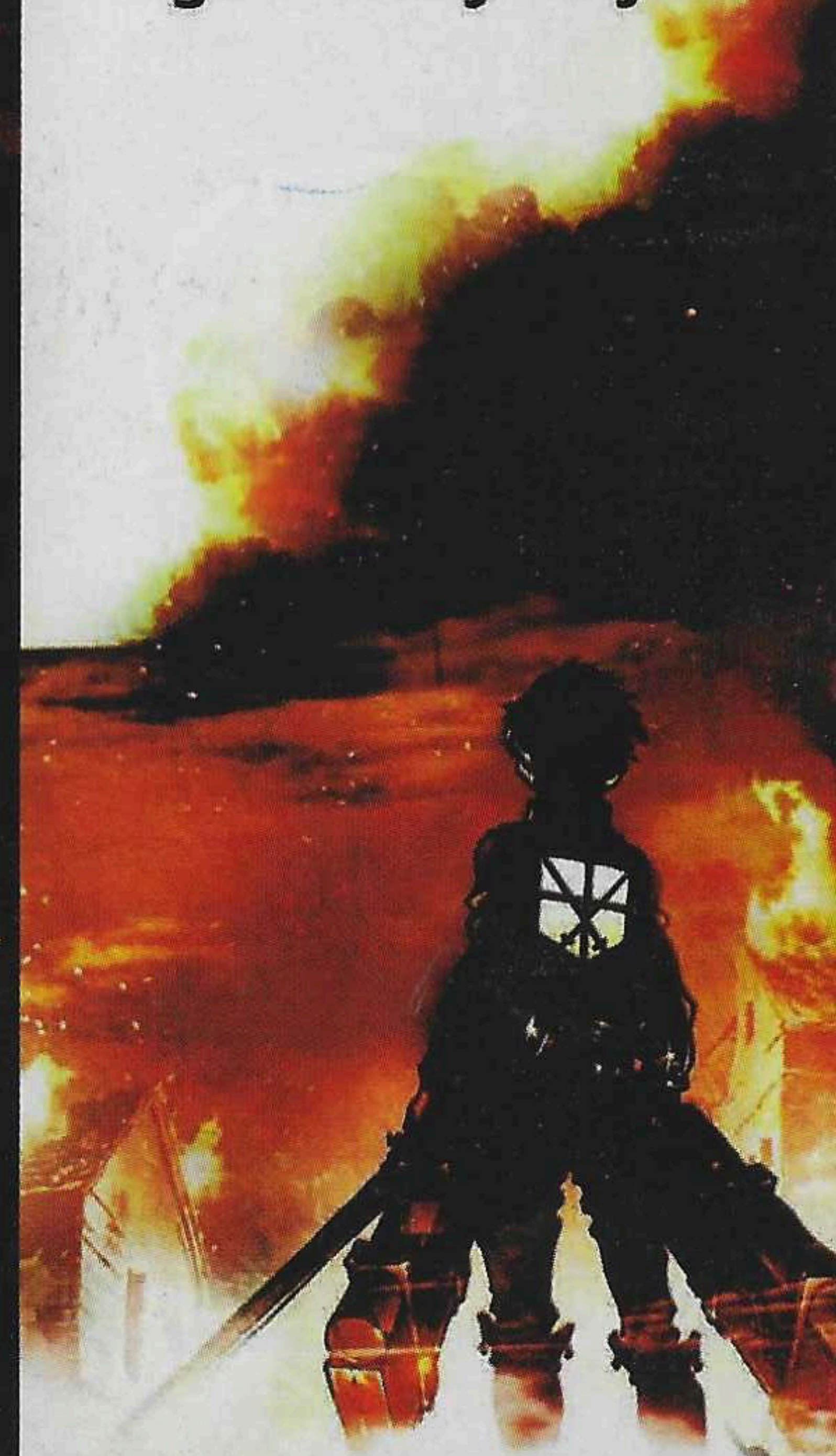
Sie sind das Essen?
Nein, wir sind die Jäger!

Fuma reta hana no
namae mo shirazuni
Ji ni ochi ta tori wa
kaze o machiwabiru

Inotta tokoro de nani
mo kawaranai
Ima o kaeru no wa
tatakau kakugoda

Shikabane fumikoete
susumu ishi o warau
buta yo
Kachiku no annei
Kyogi no han'ei
Shiseru garou no jiyuu!

Toraware ta kutsujoku
wa hangeki no kōshi da
jōheki no sono kanata
emono o hofuru yēga?
hotobashiru shōdō ni
sono mi o yaki nagara
tasogare ni hi o ugatsu
guren no yumiya



LoVendoЯ

Get ready, as a new girl group sensation is coming your way! J-idol culture has already become a very important part of Japanese music, comprised of major groups like AKB48 and Morning Musume. Girl groups such as them usually carry around reputations of being quirky and dance-based. How about something a bit different?

Maybe something which showcases the more serious side of a J-Idol group. These four decide to go for a more serious appeal for their image. Not only that, the group also went for more pop-rock tunes for their music. The band I'm talking about is, of course, LoVendoЯ.

Being composed of a veteran and three rookies, the most recognizable figure in this band is Tanaka Reina, a member of Morning Musume. Joining her are Okada Marina as the vocalist, with Uozumi Yuki and Miyazawa Marin being the two gutiarists.

The band's history is quite an interesting story. After her graduation from Morning Musume, Tanaka Reina decided to continue her music career, announcing a new band. This led to auditions last 2012 for young girls who want to join her. Naturally, several girls signed up for the audition. After all, the chance of performing with a former member of one of Japan's biggest idol groups is something you can't just easily refuse.

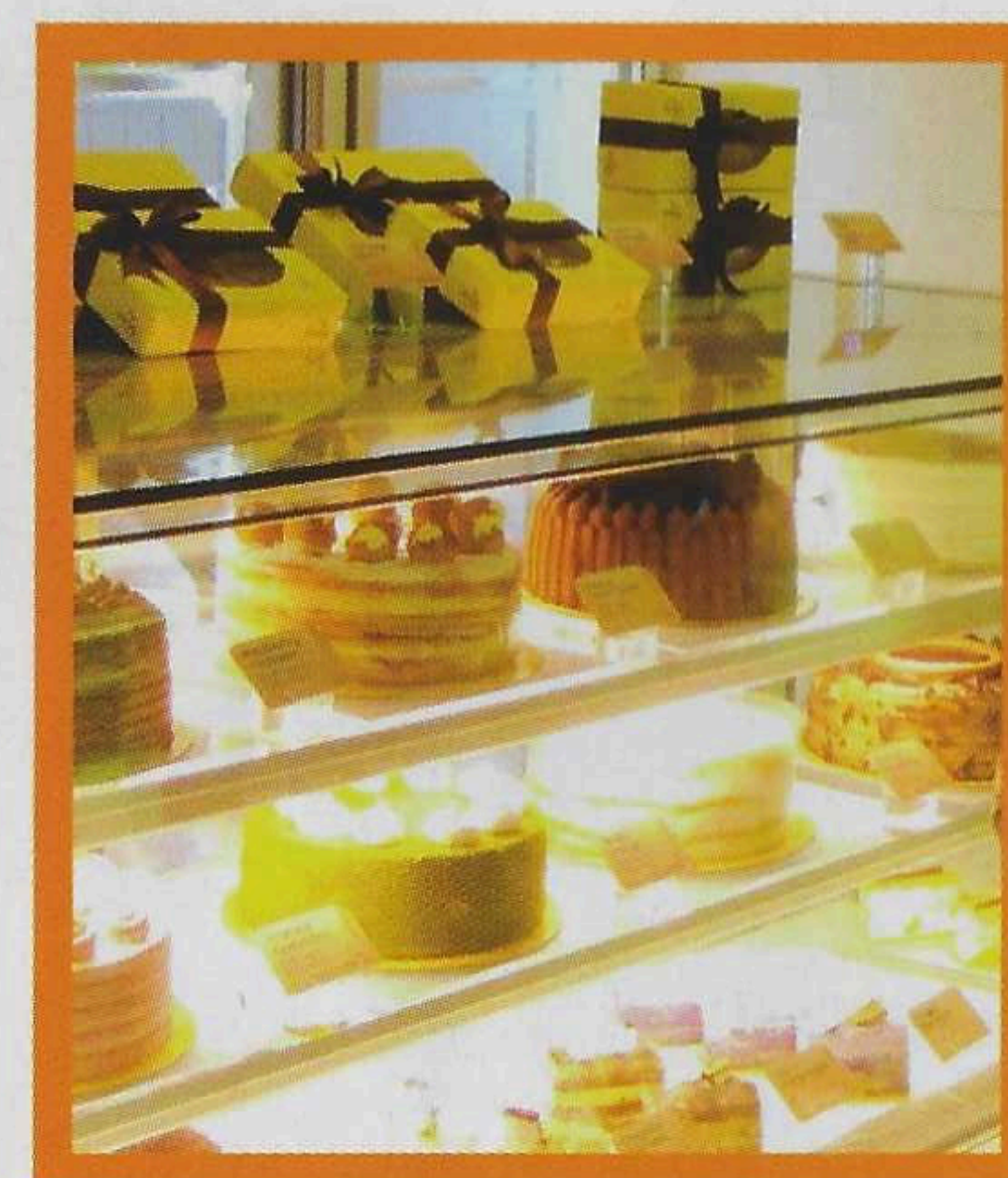
The selection process ended, and the members who made it were announced last November 18. After giving the fans a chance to submit their suggested names for the new band, "LoVendoЯ" was born, with the name being a pun on the words "love" and "vendor".

The group started their first live tour on March and appears to be on the track for a quick rise in popularity. Months after, they released their first cover album titled "LoVendoЯ Cover The ROCK". It has been announced that the group will be performing at the 2013 J-Pop Summit Festival in San Francisco. It's truly something for three new faces to the music industry to be performing live at a major event this early in their careers.

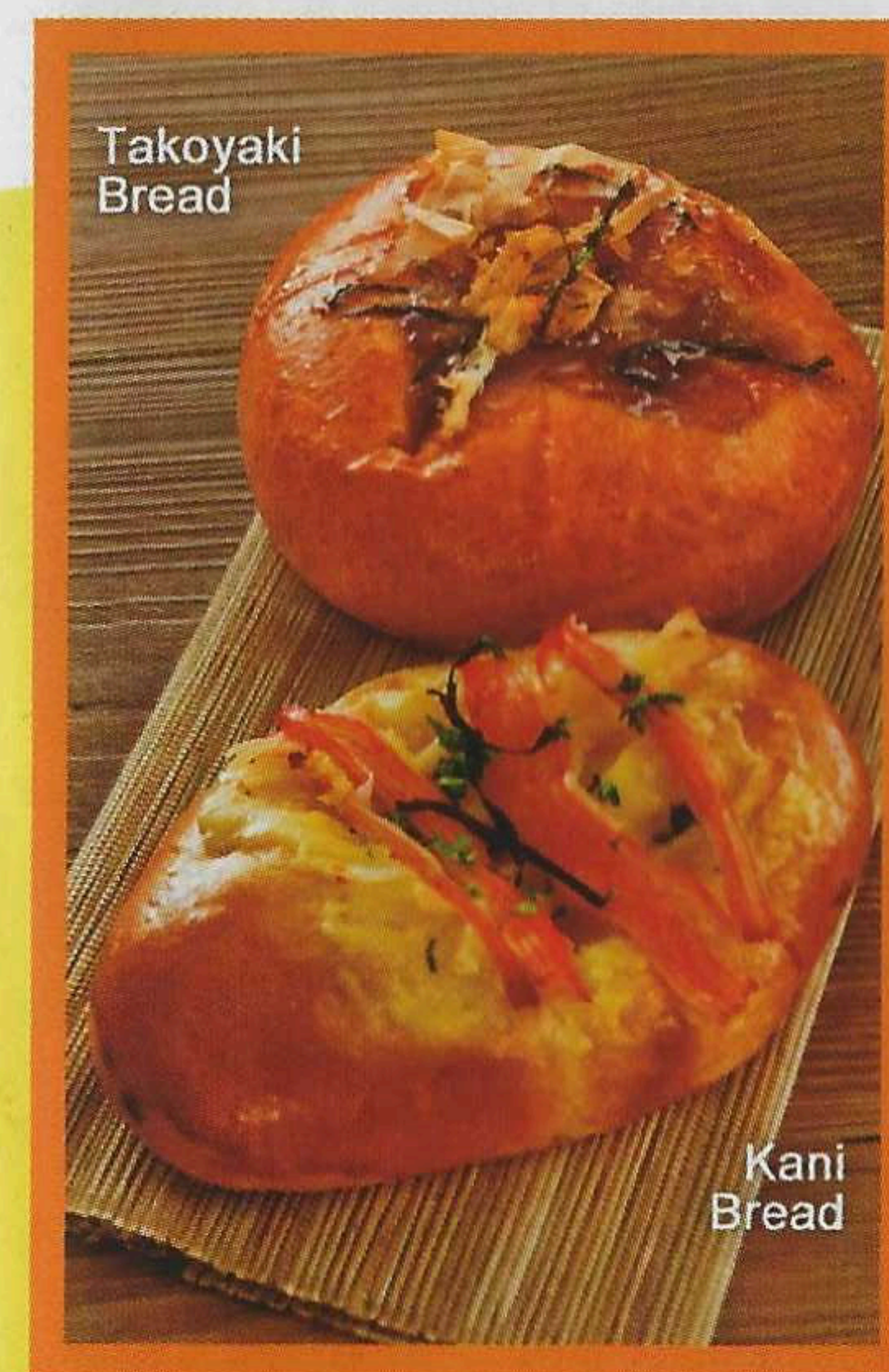
Even if you weren't a fan of J-idol groups or Morning Musume before, don't hesitate to check this new group out. These girls will surely rock your world!



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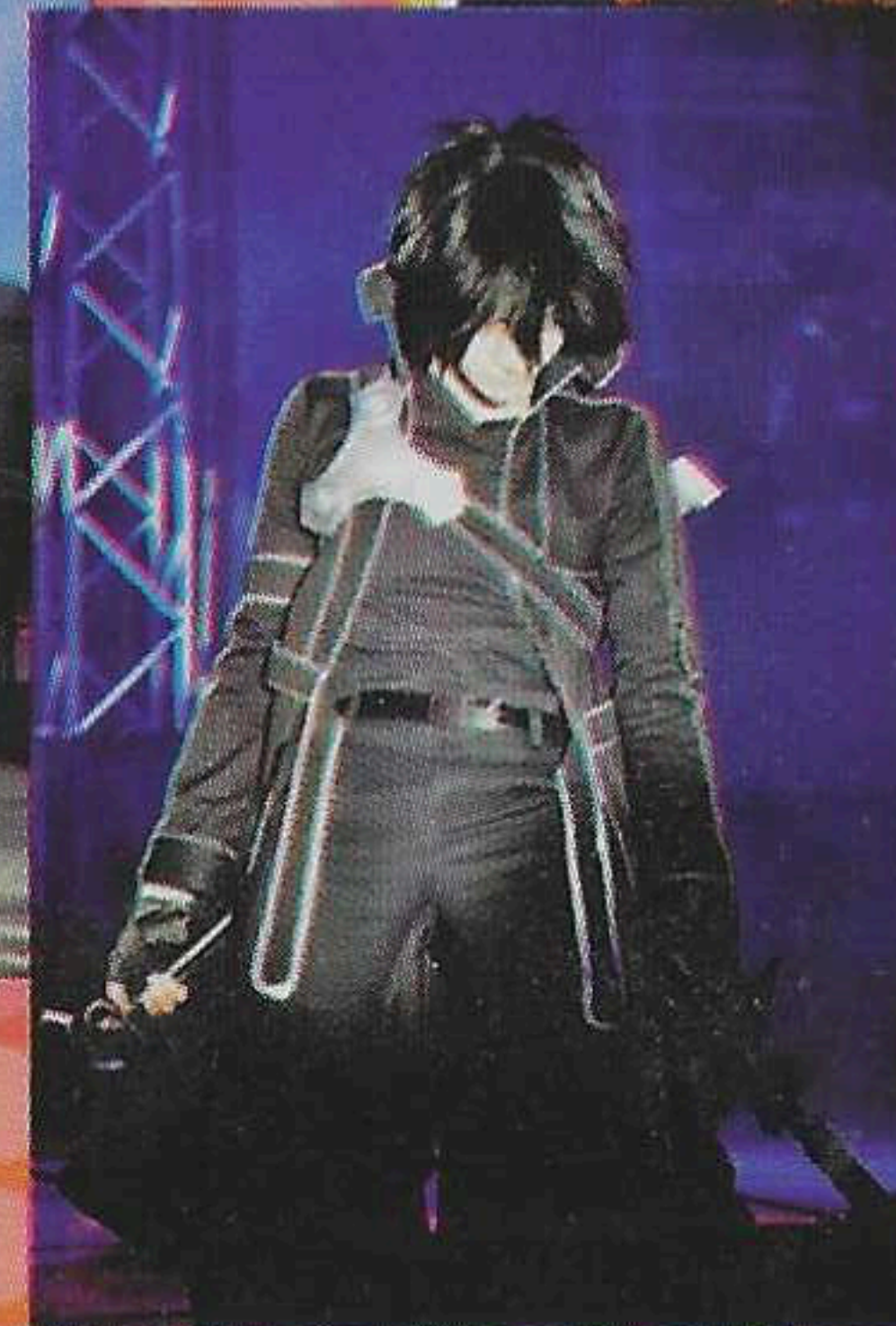
Myrtle Serrosa, together with
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judges of the cosplay
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The Gosiengfiao
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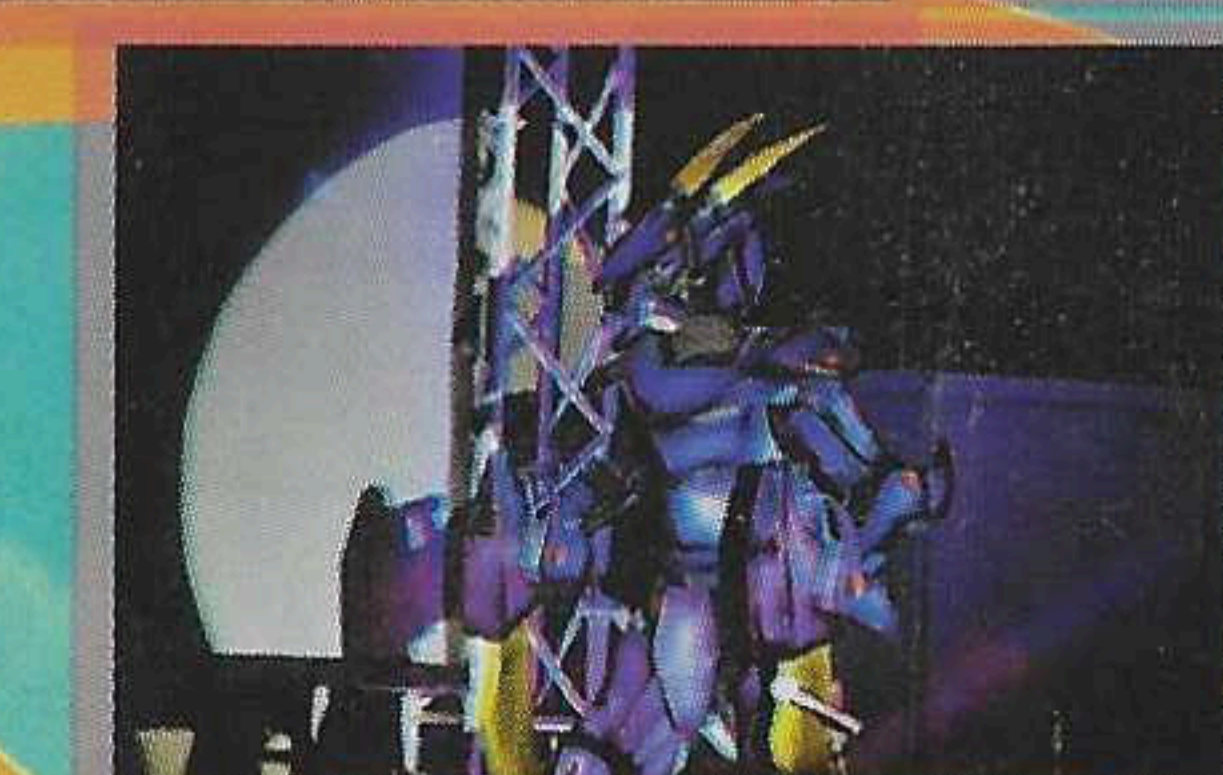
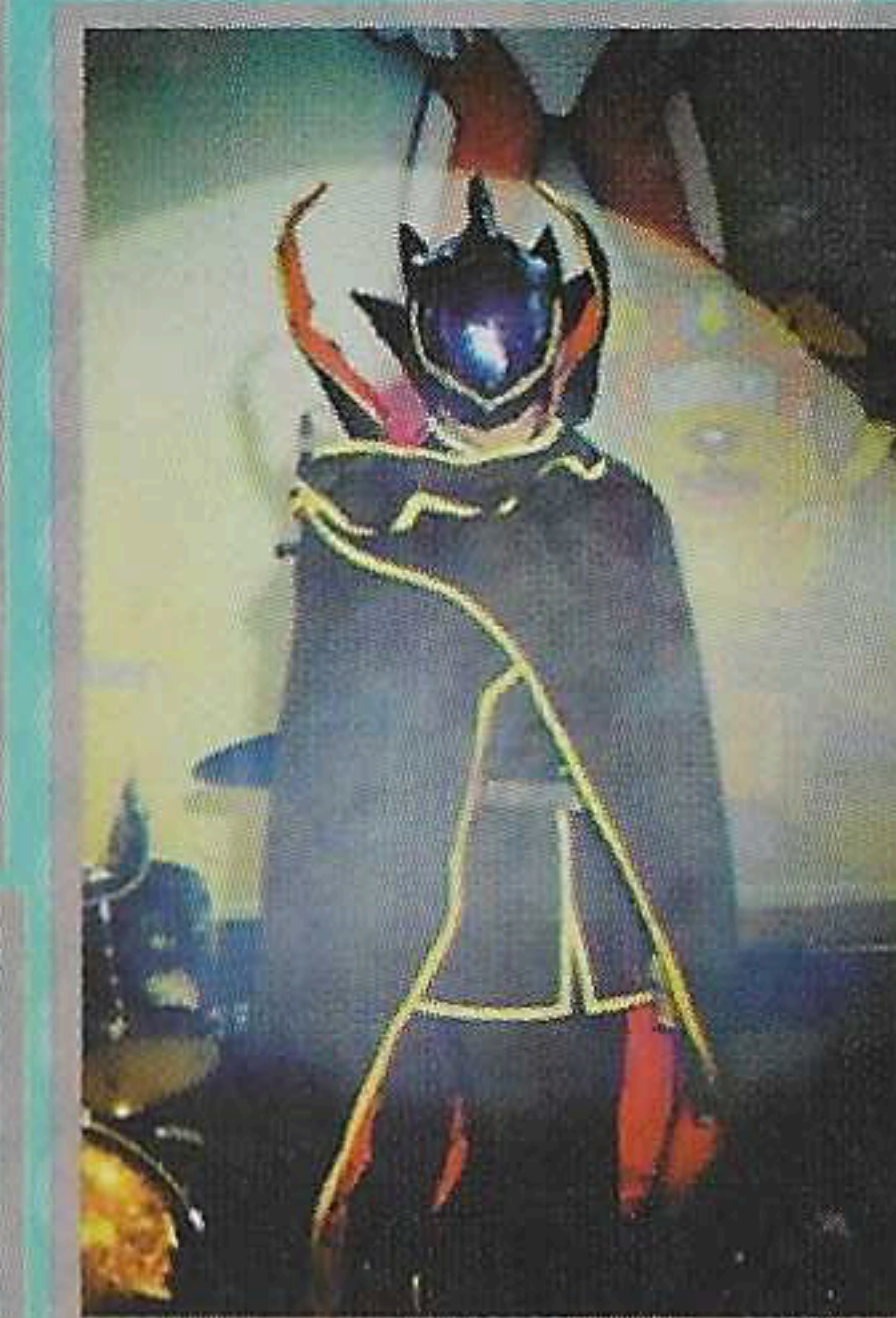
Starmarie: the Japanese
girl idol group as one
of the guests for the
event.



The Thailand guest
cosplayer: Karael
Sanguis cosplytaying
as Kirito from Sword
Art Online.



Here are some of the cosplayers who competed for the cosplay competition.





**GET READY FOR
SOME NON-STOP
COMBO ACTION!**



Online gaming has become more popular than ever. In fact, two of the biggest games in the country today are League of Legends and Heroes of Newerth which are published by Garena. From its MMORPG roots, online games have spread out to multiple genres, from first-person-shooters (FPS) to beat-em-ups. Back to the present, a big MMORPG storm is approaching; one that has already swept away big countries such as Korea, Japan, China, Brazil and North America, among others.

**Welcome to
Elsword Online!**

Elsword Online is an MMORPG that incorporates an element of side-scrolling beat-em-up, a genre that has been established for years here in Philippines. What makes it unique among its predecessors is that it offers much more depth and customization. Its combo system allows you to utilize a wide variety of attacks, making it a much more fun experience than simply doing the same slash and attack over and over again. Unleashing devastating flurry of blows isn't just for show, as mastering these skills rewards you with better items and experience, making advancement much faster and enjoyable.



In Elsword Online, you can tailor the character to your taste and needs. Offering an amazing assortment of costumes and accessories, any player can make his or her character look as cute or as cool as they want to be. In addition, there is also a pet system where you could pick out a companion for your adventure. You need to feed and take care of it just like the real thing but it is all worth the trouble as your pets can give out buffs and fight alongside you.

At launch, three characters would be available in Elsword Online, with the rest to follow after some time.

ELSWORD

The titular character, Elsword is an aggressive, hot-headed swordsman. Trained in the arts of swordsmanship, he is able to deliver devastating blows using his great sword and when on the defensive end, able to take tons of damage. Eager to rush into the heat of battle, his all-out style is supported by quicker MP absorption during combat, enabling him to continuously dish out high damage moves. His counter attack skill allows him to continue to attack even when surrounded by enemies, proving that best defense is a good offense. He fights to find El stone, the precious gem that keep the peace of his kingdom and has a personal quest to find his sister who mentored him but disappeared.

AISHA

A haughty genius, Aisha was already one of the most powerful magi in the land at such a young age. However, a ring took away all her abilities, and now she is on a quest to get her power back. Though weakened, she is still able to cast powerful arcane barrages of various elements. She can fight hordes of monsters without sweating as her spells can affect a massive area. Even if some lucky monsters get close enough, she can glide through the air to find safety. Even when cornered, she can still hold her own ground by smashing heads with her staff.

RENA

A being from another world, Rena the elf fights to protect the bond between the two planes. A versatile warrior equipped with both solid melee and ranged attacks, she is able to adapt to the situation in battles. From afar, her bow and arrow makes her a deadly sniper, taking down foes before they even know what hit them. Up close, she uses her kicks to create awesome combos. Combined with her double-jump, she is a nimble skirmisher who dances around the battlefield.

Whether you want to take down big bosses or battle fellow players, Elsword Online has got it all. It offers multitude of dungeons from evil forests to fortified castles, where gigantic bosses await those who dare to enter their territory. For those who would want to prove their supremacy against other players, Elsword's PvP system allows them to choose between one-on-one combat or team battle of up to four players, testing their individual prowess, as well as team work.

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Can you feel the eerie wind approaching? Have you already seen some smiling pumpkins around the street? Do you feel the urge to dress up as a creature of the night and give people a good scare? Or more likely, steal the ladies' hearts and make them fall for your dark charms. Halloween is just around the corner! Are you having a hard time picking out what creature will you be for a Halloween party or a trick-or-treat adventure? Worrying about how to make and where to get some props needed for them? (Blood and wounds? We wouldn't want to hurt ourselves right Otafans?) Worry no more! Here are 5 of the popular characters to choose from and some tips on how to make your own props and prosthetics—the cheapskate way!

TOP 5 HALLOWEEN PICKS and some cosplay tips~

5. Witches

"Take this apple and have a bite, dear". Yes, that witch. Old ladies with large, pointy noses and bulging hairy moles. Most of them wears a long black cloak or cape and an infamous pointy hat. You can add details to your costumes like spiderwebs, star patterns or a little pumpkin head. Their props range from brooms for transportation, honest mirrors and of course, magical staffs. Pulling out a witch couldn't be simpler than wearing a messy wig and put some hairy moles on your face, start with your screechy voice and laugh maniacally. But hey! Not all witches are ugly and creepy—there are those cute, bubbly and sparkling ones too! Stardust Witch Meruru, anyone?

Mole-making tips:

Need that bulging mole for your creepy witch cosplay? Search your kitchen for the simplest way to have one! Take out some whole pepper corns and cut it in half. Glue it on your skin with a school glue (Elmer's glue will do). If you want to add some more details, cut a tiny part of your hair and glue it beside your pepper mole. Wait for it to dry and brush some pink or brown makeup around it. There you go! Add lots of it if you want a wart-y effect all over your body.



4. Werewolves and werecats (Shapeshifters)

Shapeshifters can take any form of beings. Oh well, who doesn't love a cute ear-twitch from a wolf or cat-eared person. This might be the easiest character to portray for all you need is a good pair of wolf or cat ears. If you want your character to be realistic, you can go for the whole body makeover. Wear a furry suit and a good mask for that overall effect, and start chasing people while growling. If you want it the simpler (and cuter) way, wearing any type of outfit will do as long as you have your animal ears on. Most shapeshifters have this charming aura which makes innocent people fall for their 'come here...then I'll eat you' trap.

Animal ears-making tips:

Want to make your own animal ears? Get a furry piece of cloth, a headband and a sewing kit with you. If you don't have a furry cloth and don't want to buy a whole piece of it (It's a bit expensive too), you can check out surplus stores around the streets or markets and you can find cheap ones there. You only need small parts of it anyway. Cut out 4 small triangles of the same size proportioned to the size of your head and the reference of your character. Begin sewing 2 inner sides of the 2 triangle leaving one side open, do it to the other 2 triangles too. Flip the 2 sewn triangles outwards once you're done. Get your headband and sew (or glue) the open side to it. Adjust on how far you want your ears to be from each other. There! You can also sew a pink fur at the center for a realistic animal ear approach.



3. Vampires

Beautiful beings of the night. Glowing red eyes that shines in the dark and almost perfect face and body shape. Who wouldn't love these blood-sucking creatures? If it wasn't for their killing trait, people wouldn't be scared off them. But then, girls swoon over them anyways. The Cross Academy uniform from the anime Vampire Knight (VKGuilt) is probably the most distinguishable outfit for a vampire character. Put on those fangs and visible red contact lenses for that added awe impact. Of course, vampires are not complete without BLOOD. Blood is everything for them, so have a good stock of fake blood with you all the time. Don't just bite people every now and then. okay?



Why not use edible fake blood for your vampire cosplay? All you need is some corn syrup, chocolate powder, red food coloring (or strawberry flavored juice powder mix) and starch. Combine the corn syrup with red food coloring until you get a shade that closely resembles real blood. Add a small amount of cocoa powder to make it darker then, either thin the blood by slowly adding water, or thicken it with a couple pinches of flour or cornstarch whisked in gently. Let it sit for a few minutes for the starch to thicken the mixture and voila! You can drink your fake blood all you want. Just be careful not to stain your costumes that much.

Fake blood-making tips:

2. Demons

Often portrayed as the personification of evil. Some have horns, pointy tails, weird-colored skins and scary eyes that pierces into your soul. But in the anime world, not all of them are bad. Maoh or Demon Lords are often the heroes in their stories, and not every demon looks like monsters. Most of them look like normal people too, but in times of danger, they might transform into their demonic forms. That said, it's up to you which form you are comfortable with. If you wish to go for the complete transformation form, better prepare the costume ahead of time for some might need lots of details. If you'd want a human form, why not wear a pair of fangs and horns for that simple yet demonic approach. Now, all you need is to bring destruction! (Joking though, don't forget the kindness you have in your heart)

Fang-making tips:

Having a hard time searching for the perfect fangs? Worry no more! You just need to go to a novelty store and buy the cheapest plain fake nail set there. If you have a denture glue at your house (or ask your parents if they have one), that will be perfect. If not, go to the nearest medical store and buy the smallest one. Take out your fake nail set and check what size best fits your canine teeth (teeth where you'll be putting your fangs), then start trimming the fake nail with a nail file into the ideal vampire fang shape. Be careful not to make it too pointy or you'll end up wounding your lips. After trimming 2 nails into fangs, put a small dot of denture glue on the inside part of the nail and attach it to your teeth. Wait for it to dry and there, enjoy your new fangs. PS. Avoid eating while wearing it, seriously!

1. Zombies

Zombie apocalypse everywhere. What would be more fun than chasing people like a 'should-be-dead' creature with your body covered in blood, wounds and scars. Internal organs can also be included as props. This is the simplest character to portray, even with just a good dose of fake blood and makeup. Pull out some old ragged clothes and begin tearing it apart, adding blood and dirt on it as well. Mess your hair like you've haven't taken a bath for years. Finally, for that finishing touch, why not try adding burns and gory wounds on your whole body. Any form of zombie will surely scare the life out of those who are still living. Or if you want, you can also take your zombie approach the beautiful way... And be like Sanka Rea. (Yes, Aikawa Ayumu of Kore wa Zombie desu ka is included)

Zombify yourself tips:

Other than the simplest suggestion of letting out a doze of fake blood from your mouth, why not try adding wounds to your face. You can use some of the weirdest stuff to achieve that grotesque effects. Glue some cornflakes on your skin and cover it with makeup and blood for the burnt parts. Apply glue on your skin and wait for it to dry first before tearing it slowly and add a bit of red makeup on it for that 'grazed skin off' effect. There are lots of things you can use for a zombie prosthetics, just try using some stuff you got around you. If you want your face unexposed, why not cover it with bandages, wear an old ripped-off nurse uniform and let yourself take a bath of some fake blood. Now, stand at a road and wait for your victim.



Halloween is known to be the season of darkness and also, a season for costume parties. It is the perfect time to cosplay the 'not-so-good' characters. Don't worry about your budget for your costume since some of the things you need are just around you. You can buy some of them at very cheap prices and just need a little more effort to be perfect. Nonetheless, one of the most enjoyed part of cosplaying is the process of making your own costume and props. So for now, let your dark side on the loose and give the people a scare of their lifetime.

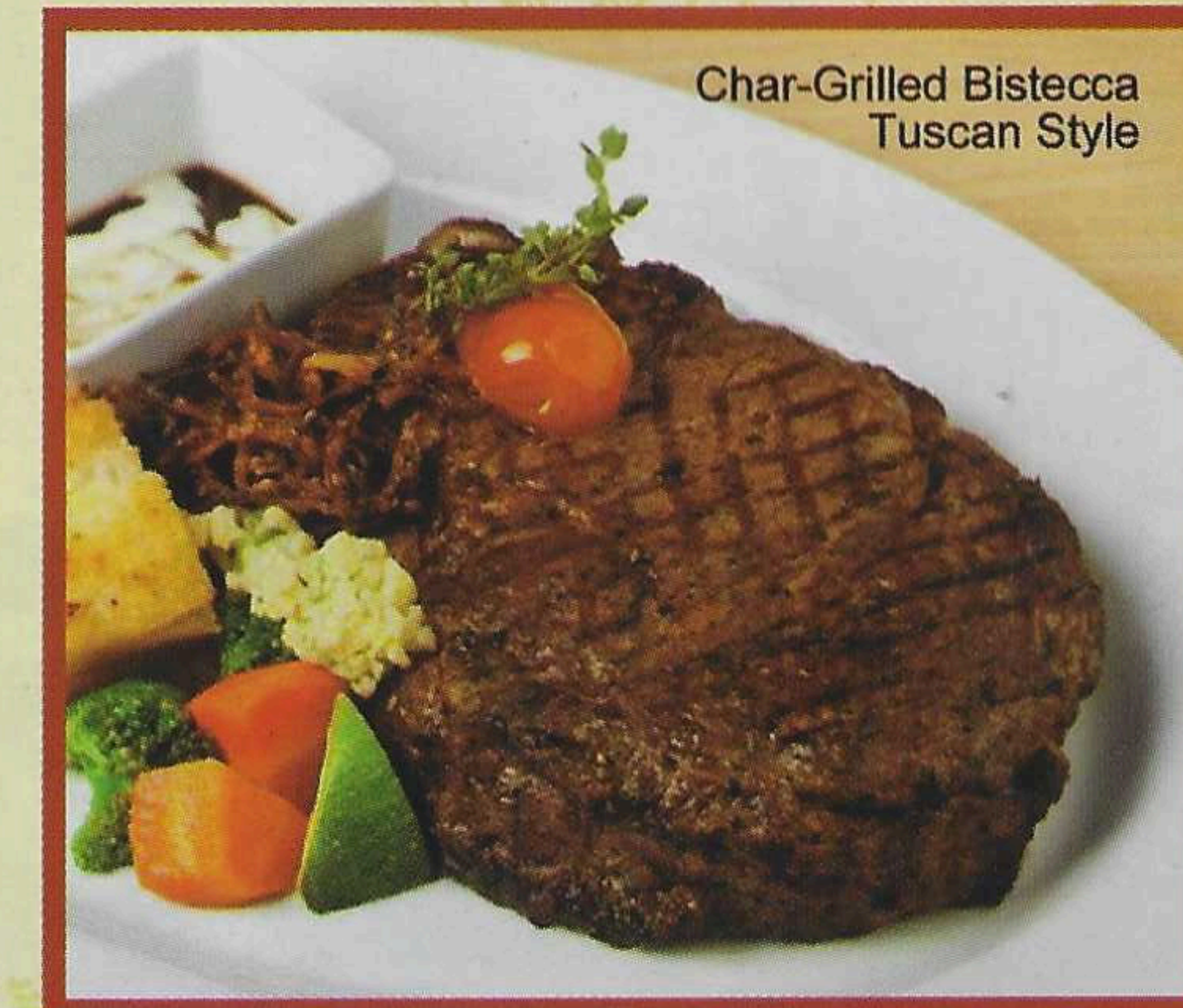
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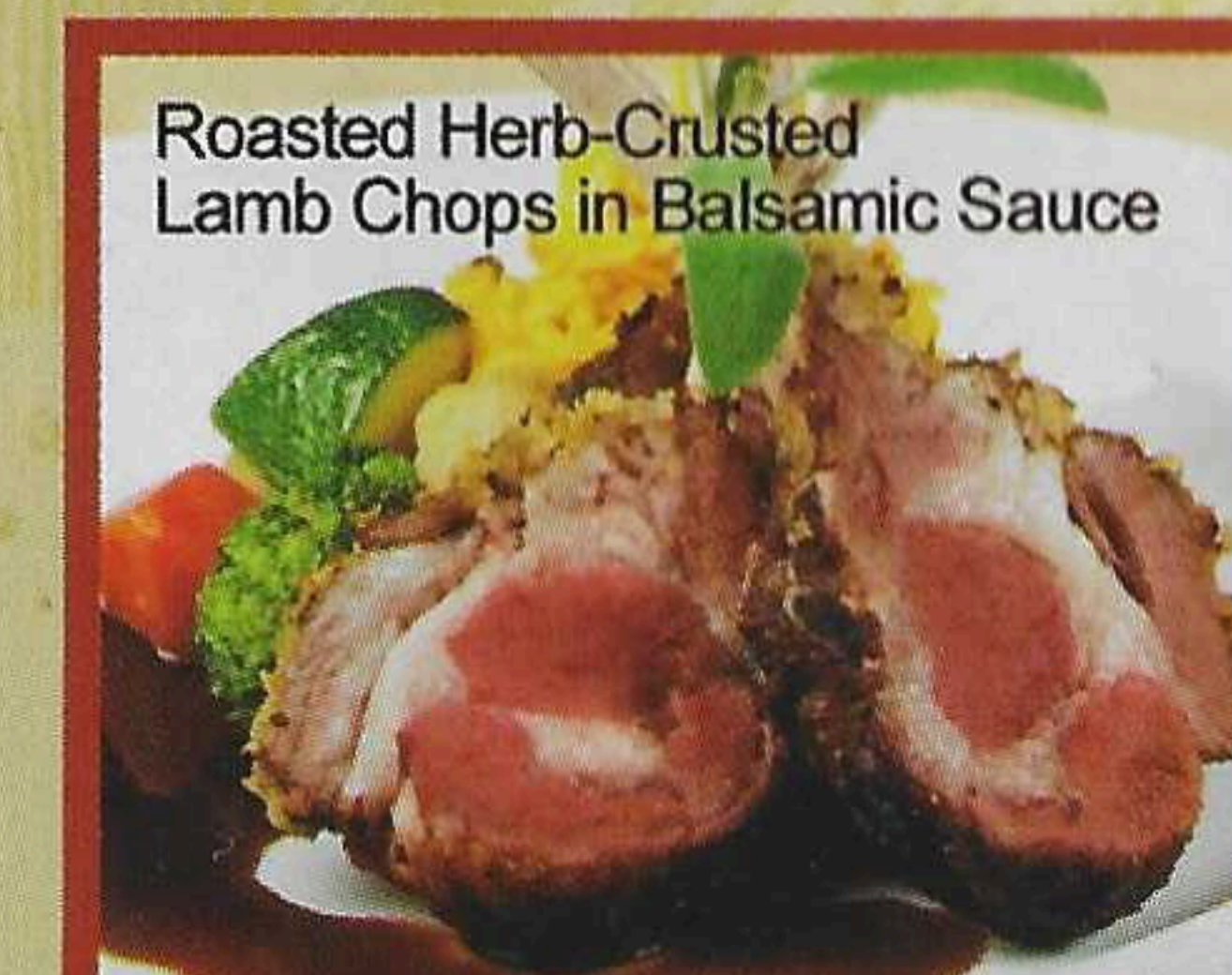
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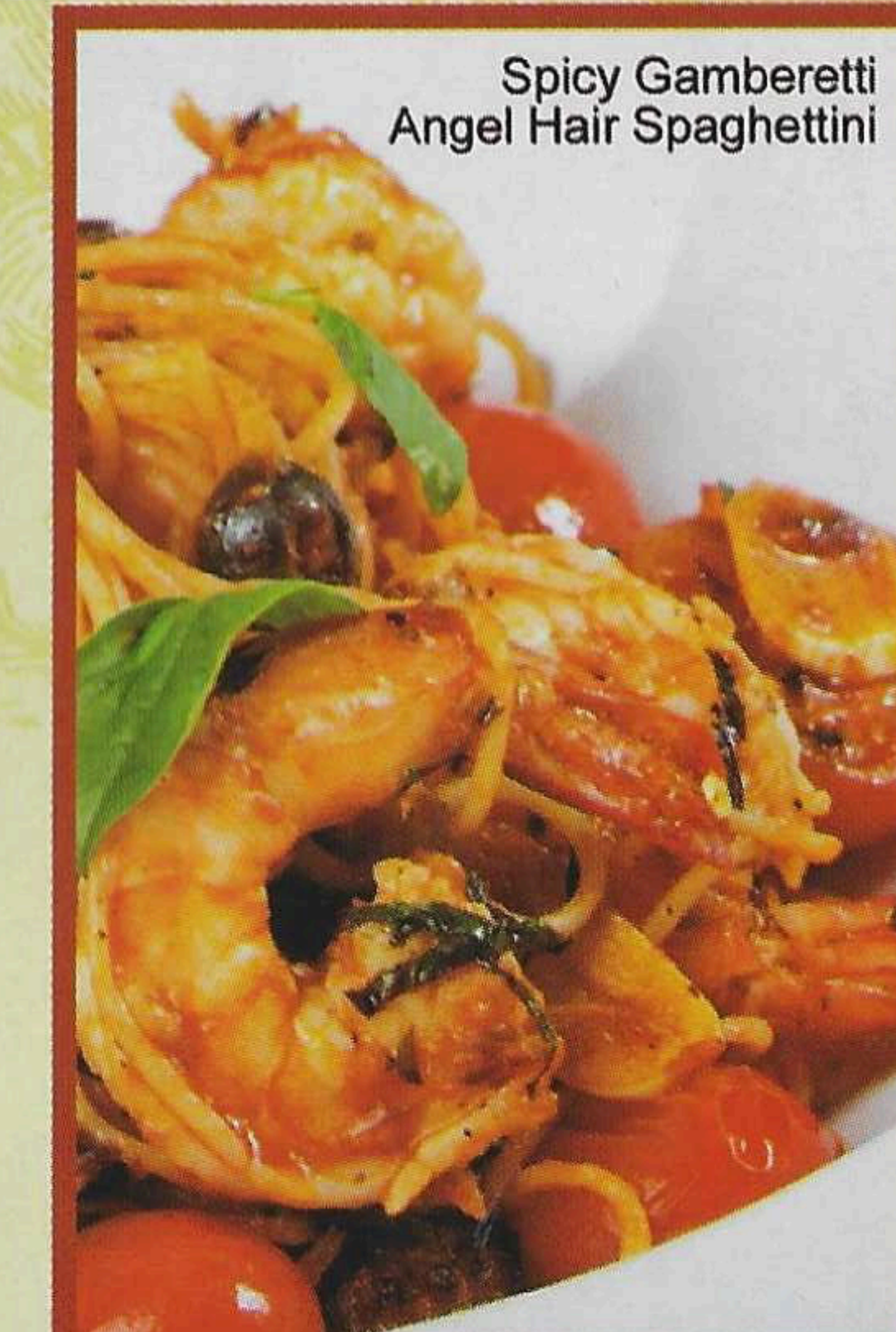
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COVER FEATURE

written by Ann

We might remember a time when we were younger and we got separated from our parents in a mall or anywhere else. No matter how it looked, it felt as if we were swallowed by darkness, and that darkness was creeping into us until we were shaking in fear. We felt that everything surrounding us was meant to hurt us. It is that same fear that Fuyumi felt upon entering such a strange world with creatures that looked so different from humans, creatures that inhabit the demon world.

Fuyumi Yanagi, a Japanese teenager comes home to find a black curtain in her room. Upon entering it, she finds herself surrounded by demons dressed up like the present-time gangsters in a place that looked similar to downtown. She is taken to the boss, Staz, who keeps asking her about Japanese animé. Their conversation is interrupted by his subordinates asking for help about a territory crasher (a demon who enters Staz's territory without permission).

Fuyumi, with her cute face convinces him to help them out. And so, he feels the greatest urge to suck her blood but he quickly avoids it by doing as she has asked. After a fight with the territory crasher, he comes back to his room to find a monstrous plant spitting out Fuyumi's bones!

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Fortunately, Staz finds Fuyumi only turned into a ghost, as they could tell with the white triangle on her head. Because her bones and soul were still intact, he gives his blood oath that he will bring her back to life no matter what.

Meanwhile, they find the Black Curtain (a portal between the demon and the human world) and Staz gets all hyped-up in fulfilling his long-time dream of going to Japan. Coincidentally, they recruit a new member in their yakuza-like group who can mimic Staz so that their territory will not be threatened again. Upon crossing worlds, Staz goes around spraying with a bottle of his saliva solution so that the humans will not recognize them as demons. Staz explains that the vampire's saliva can control humans.

Fuyumi, on the other hand, worries that she will no longer be able to come back as a human. Because she is a low-level demon, she is unable to stay longer in the human world. So, Staz feeds some of his blood to keep her from disappearing, and tells her that they had to go home so that he could be at his best when he goes to Akihabara, Japan's cyber city.

Before coming home, they meet Bell, the owner of the Black Curtain, they find out about The Book of Human Resurrection which she says she sold somewhere in the West demon world. Will they ever be able to find this book? And if they do, will they be able to read it?



CHARLIE STAZ BLOOD

While being the territory boss of East demon world, Staz is an otaku and a junkie for the human culture. To his subordinates, he appears to be a careless leader but upon meeting Fuyumi, he turns into a responsible person determined to bring her back to life. It may seem as if he doesn't care about anybody else but he acknowledges the strengths of his friends by asking for their help once in a while. He says he hates being a vampire because of the idea of sucking human blood. He reaffirms this stand by saying that before being a vampire, **he is his own person.**

His original super finishing move is the **ZIP** where he squeezes the opponent's heart until it explodes.



VAMPIRE HUMOR

Blood Lad is a hilarious anime series licensed by Viz Media. It is an adaptation of the manga written by Yuki Kodama.

You will definitely find yourself rolling on the floor laughing with the crazy ideas behind the plot as well as the way characters deal with each other, especially the times that Bell bullies Staz by shooting him on the head, and how he comes back at her by stealing her panties. Still, don't worry because this anime is not as perverted as you think.

Because it's a fantasy, anything definitely goes! Characters have odd powers and personalities but they don't really spoil the seriousness of the plot. It contains a lot of character development, along with more discoveries of their histories. Even though it's quite fast-paced for a ten-episode series, every episode reveals more of the story. Another plus is that it's action-packed so viewers can definitely look forward to getting even more hooked.

CHARACTERS

FUYUMI YANAGI

Although getting lost in the demon world was definitely an unfortunate incident, Fuyumi remains optimistic that she will be able to return alive and kicking in the human world with the help of Staz. She looks innocent and helpless because of her cuteness. This not only makes her even more of a victim to Staz' bullying, but also makes others want to protect her. Though appearing to be a damsel in distress, Fuyumi makes up by making Staz care more about the people around him. She also worries about her father she has left behind in the human world, especially since her mother hasn't been around for a while.



STAZ

Staz' older brother. He is obsessed in revealing Staz' power as a full-blooded vampire. His privileged magic is Blood Stalker which allows him to move his blood at will.

LIZ T. BLOOD

Liz is jealous and does not consider Staz as a brother. She's the Prison Warden of the biggest and worst prison in the demon world.



BELL HYDRA



A top-level spatial magic user, Bell's great spatial powers allow her to confidently play around with people to get whatever she wants. Unable to put away the Black Curtain, she is looking for the guy who stole it from her in the belief that he is stronger and would make a good husband.

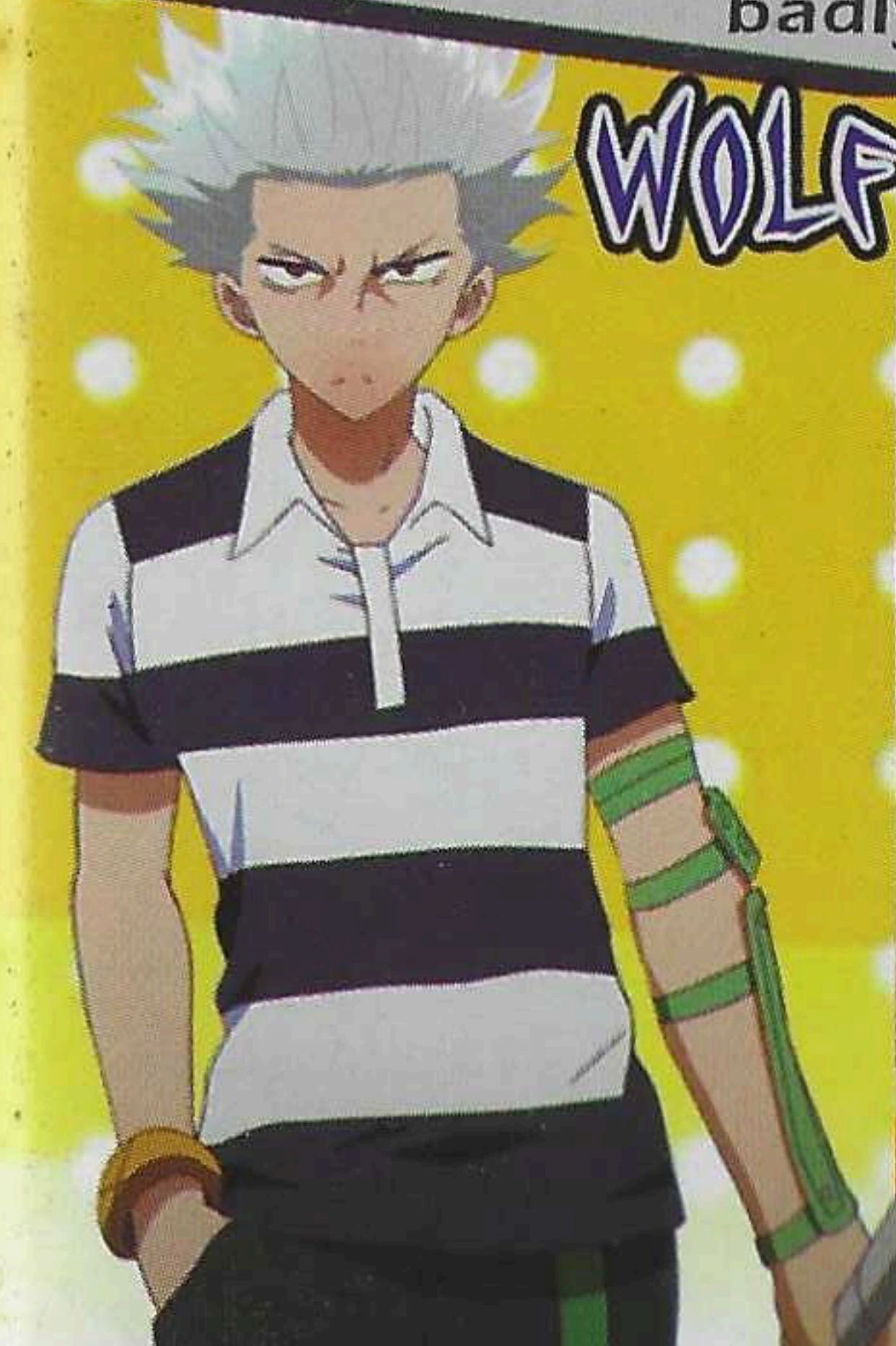
Upon meeting Staz, she senses his buried powers. Therefore, she challenges Staz in a variety of ways to find out how strong he really is. She expresses a close attachment to Fuyumi. She is an outgoing person who loves to travel through space to hunt for treasures.

The territory boss of the West demon world should never be underestimated as he is determined to conquer the demon world.

Although he feels that there is much more to improve in his strength, he believes that one day, he'll be able to be a match for Staz, who he calls Cherry Blood in reference to their own history as childhood friends and rivals.

Like Staz, he finds Fuyumi so cute that he badly wants to protect her.

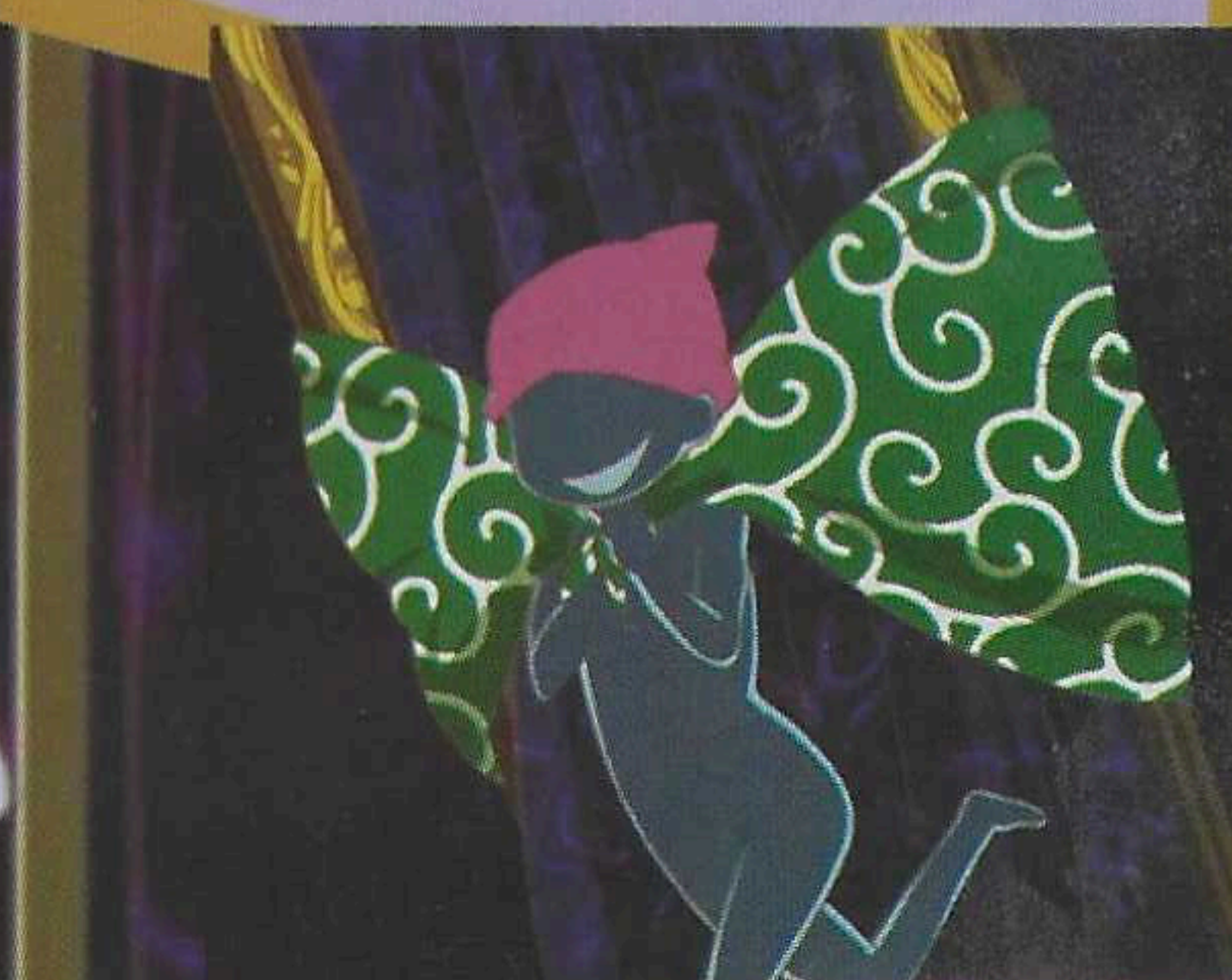
WOLF



THE BLACK CURTAIN

Created by Bell to come back and forth the human world stealing treasures. After forgetting to put it away, it got stolen and now her powers would not work.

Fuyumi stumbles through the curtain when it appeared in her room. The curtain sends her into a world far different from hers.

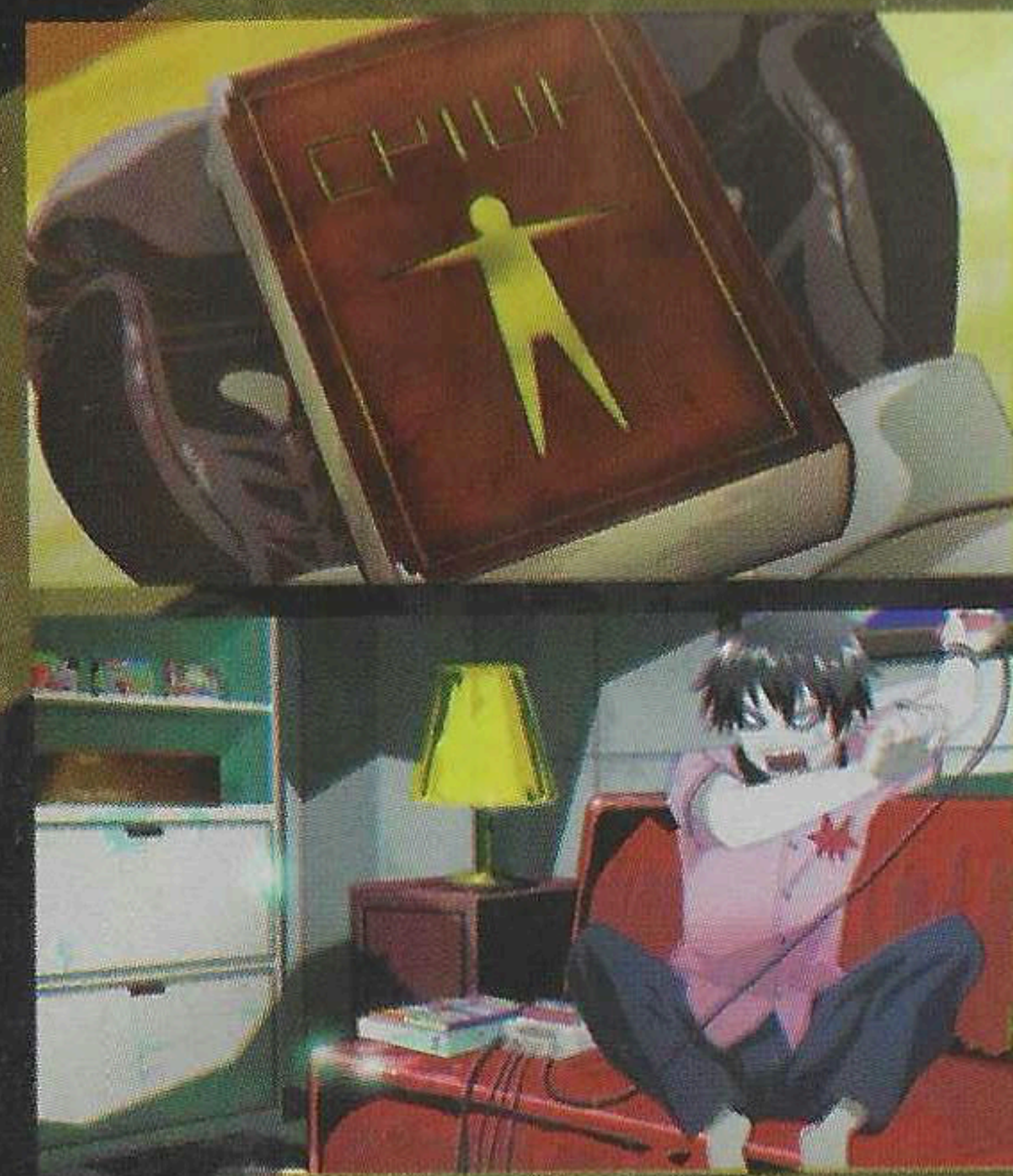


HALLOWEEN GO ROUND

Dracula is always in the list of scary trademarks of the Halloween season but these vampires wearing black capes with stand-up collars, and being gravely afraid of garlic and the cross have been quite overrated for us. Another thing is that they have always been depicted as the villains. Thus, Staz comes along to turn it all around.

He vows to stand out as a dark hero and perhaps he is the one true hero that we all seek in our lives because there will always be a dark side in each of us. The real question is how far can he push to be this dark hero?

Shrouded in the dark fog of the night, more mysteries will come out clear as the story advances. The characters of Staz, Fuyumi, Bell, and Wolf have more to say about their past, and as this consequently becomes clear, we can be able to have an idea what their real relationships are and where the story can be leading to.



We also have to look forward to finding out Braz' real motives for extracting Staz' power. Even Staz' decision to help Fuyumi is still in doubt. This may be due to his vampire tendencies but then again, he admits that he does not feel the same urge with other humans as he did with her. For all we know, Fuyumi's entry to the demon world may be a mere accident or may be a secret plan for a bigger conspiracy.

In the end, the best thing about being lost into a whole new world is meeting new friends and eventually, seeing and becoming into another side of ourselves. After all, as Staz would always say, "There are only bad kids in the demon world." So will Fuyumi finally turn into one of these bad kids or will it be the other way around? One thing's for sure, Blood Lad should definitely be in your must-watch list this October!



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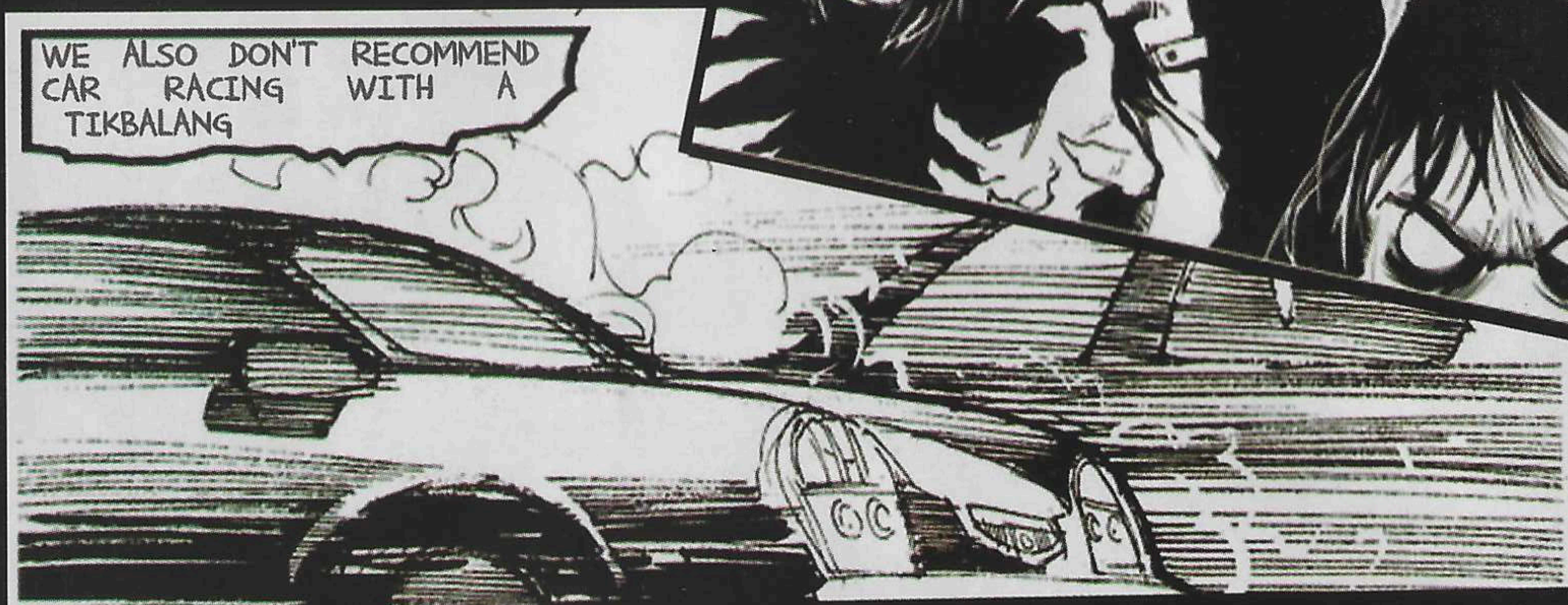


TRESE

You think you know Manila? Think again.
written by Kanddy

A WRONG TURN TO A DARK ALLEYWAY
MIGHT JUST LEAD YOU INTO AN
ASWANG TERRITORY

WE ALSO DON'T RECOMMEND
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IF HEART-BROKEN AND CAN'T MOVE ON, A
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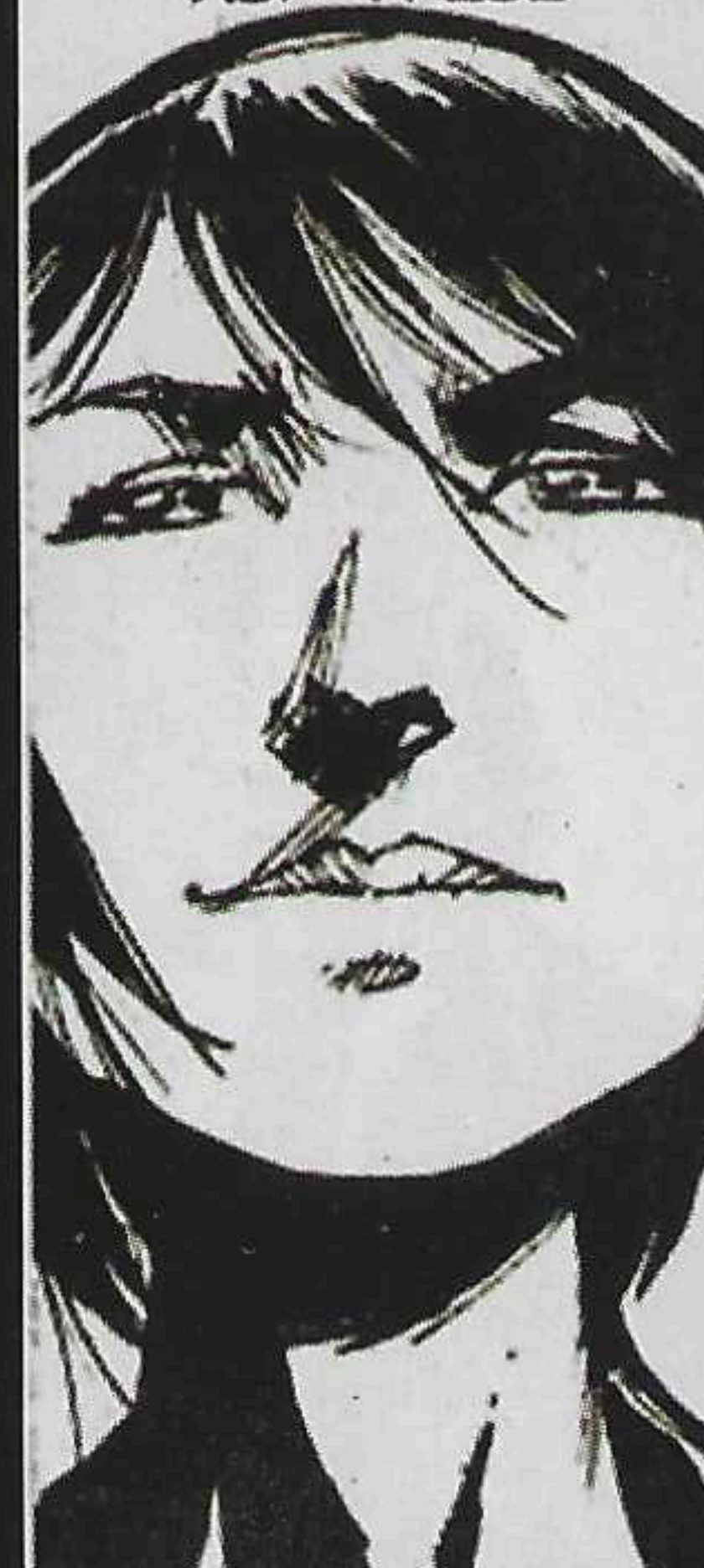


HEATHER EVANGELISTA

IF YOU DREAM TO BECOME FAMOUS, A
CHOCOLATE OFFERING TO A DWENDE
MIGHT GRANT IT.

THE NOVA AURORA STORY

DON'T TRUST US?
ASK TRESE



The world is full of secrets and so is Manila. The keeper and protector of which is Alexandra Trese, a private detective of the supernatural cases the police can't handle. One of Manila's finest, Captain Guerrero, has known Trese since her teenage years and has already glimpsed the bizzare. He depends on Trese when crime takes a turn for the weird. She comes at the scene flanked by the Kambal, Trese's two magical, trigger-happy, masked bodyguards. Alexandra Trese is determined to keep her city clean and prosperous by straightening up a few aswang, leading some lost souls towards the light and occasionally interrupting humans making deals with the Underworld.

Trese means thirteen and is also considered an unlucky number. Creators Budgette Tan and Kajo Baldisimo started with ten cases, then later extended to thirteen, a pun at the title; but as a mystery gets solved, it only gave way to more questions and, gladly, more books. With a 6th book on it's way, Trese has become a popular local comic of crime, horror and folklore.

The comic uses familiar creatures of Filipino folklore such as the aswang, the mangananggal, the higante, the nuno and more. Some of which are friendly and some kingpins of crime. The main character, Alexandra Trese, solves crimes that are related to these creatures. Aided with the Sinag, a dagger of great power and her coat of protection, she and her bodyguards make Manila a safer place to live. The art is hand-drawn in black and white. There is a Filipino ashcan (photocopied) version by Alamat Comics while the compiled and in graphic novel form is published by Visprint. The first eight stories are stand-alone cases while the rest are related and takes cues from the previous cases. The third volume, Mass Murders show Trese's teenage years with her father, her training and her trial at the Balete tree. It won the National Book Award for Best Graphic Literature on 2010 and 2012.

The story also pays tribute to some notable Filipino characters, like Darna, her brother, Ding and Captain Barbel. Some characters have similarities to actual people like Manuel, a famous boxer from General Santos City and another is a congresswoman. Manila Noir, a compilation of works from leading contemporary Filipino writers, includes Trese: Thirteen Stations. Tan and Baldisimo have also started a new project called Tales from The Diabolical, with Trese's bartender, Hank as main character.

Dragons and demons is a great read about but knowing more about the supernatural of our own culture is even more exciting. Especially when you don't know what actually lurks under the manholes. Do you still think you know Manila?



written by Kanddy

Everyone gets mad sometimes. Even creatures of folklore. Like, if you tread on a nuno's house, damage their mound, there will be consequences. As a precaution, "Tabi-tabi po" ("excuse me, please move aside") is said by Filipinos giving fair notice to whatever creature a man has no intention of harming. It is asking for permission.

Even with precautions like these, aswangs are scary. We've been told to stay away from them time and time again. However, can we really stay away from a flesh eating creature when we don't know how they really look? What if they look exactly like us, humans?

"Tabi po" is a komik of the bizzare, the malignos and the aswangs as they share their story. At first, we learn about the life of Elias, an aswang living amongst humans, as he recollects his birth and his life so far.

Since Elias first came to life from inside a hollow of a tree, he's been seeing a particular woman everytime he closes his eyes. He also felt hunger from his stomach and solves this by eating the animals he could find. He meets Tasyo and Sabel, individuals just like him and they teach him how to feed, to talk, to mingle with the humans and to act accordingly. Then Elias starts to learn.

Marvin Malonzo's first komik, "Tabi Po", started in May 2010 and has been gaining popularity since. With sixteen issues to date, the online komik, has gained enough popularity to be translated to English, to be featured in FHM, and now, to be published soon in book form.

Malonzo puts together folklore, mythology, religion, morality, nudity and gore in one. Most of the story takes place during the Spanish colonization and the characters named and patterned from Jose Rizal's characters from his two novels.

The komik can be viewed in their website, www.tabi-po.com, for free. While the ebooks are available in Amazon, Flipreads, Kindle and iBook. The book version will soon be published by Visprint.

So the next time you meet a new freind, you should think twice

The End?

By: lizac 3.0

Ghost Hunt

Members of Shibuya Psychic Research

Everyone has their horror stories to tell. Some even have actual encounters with an unusual entity. Only a few dare to personally involve themselves in activities that may provoke these entities' manifestation.

Meet the courageous members of Shibuya Psychic Research (SPR), from the anime "Ghost Hunt" who bravely face the appalling dimension of ghosts and poltergeists. The SPR is an agency that investigates paranormal occurrences. They purify spirits and help their clients achieve peace of mind in the midst of the existence of ghosts.

An enthusiastic highschool girl of 16 who loves spending time with her friends by telling ghost stories after school hours. One of the stories they told was about the old school building beside theirs and how people have died trying to renovate it.

Next morning, Mai fearlessly goes around the abandoned building to check on it, inside, she finds a video camera. Mai approaches the video camera but a voice startled her knocking on a cabinet. The guy pushes her away just in time but ends up injuring himself and breaking the camera. Kazuya Shibuya, the manager of SPR, owner of the camera and boss of the man who saved her, hires Mai as a part-time assistant. Mai is not one to get easily scared. She accepts and was swept into a world full of mystery.



Mai Taniyama - The part-timer
Seiyuu: Kaori Nazuka (Heroine, Amnesia)

Lin Koujo - The assistant

Seiyuu: Ken Narita (Saiyuki, Sanzou Koumyou)

The man who saved Mai and injured is Lin, Kazuya's trusty assistant and childhood friend from Hong Kong.

Lin is known to be the silent worker while doing his tasks very well. He has the initiative to do things, being greatly familiar with their line of work. Lin does both the manual and the technical work such as setting up cameras and computers, carrying pieces of furniture, monitoring temperature in rooms, and checking equipment, all without complain.



Ayako Matsuzaki - The priestess

Seiyuu: Masami Suzuki (Sorincha, Kakurenbo)

Ayako comes off as an aggressive, young lady who talks in a straight forward manner and may appear as a bully to those who are younger than her. She trusts her gut instinct most of the time when she first meets people, adding up to her already hypercritical nature. Ayako is often seen bickering with Hosho.



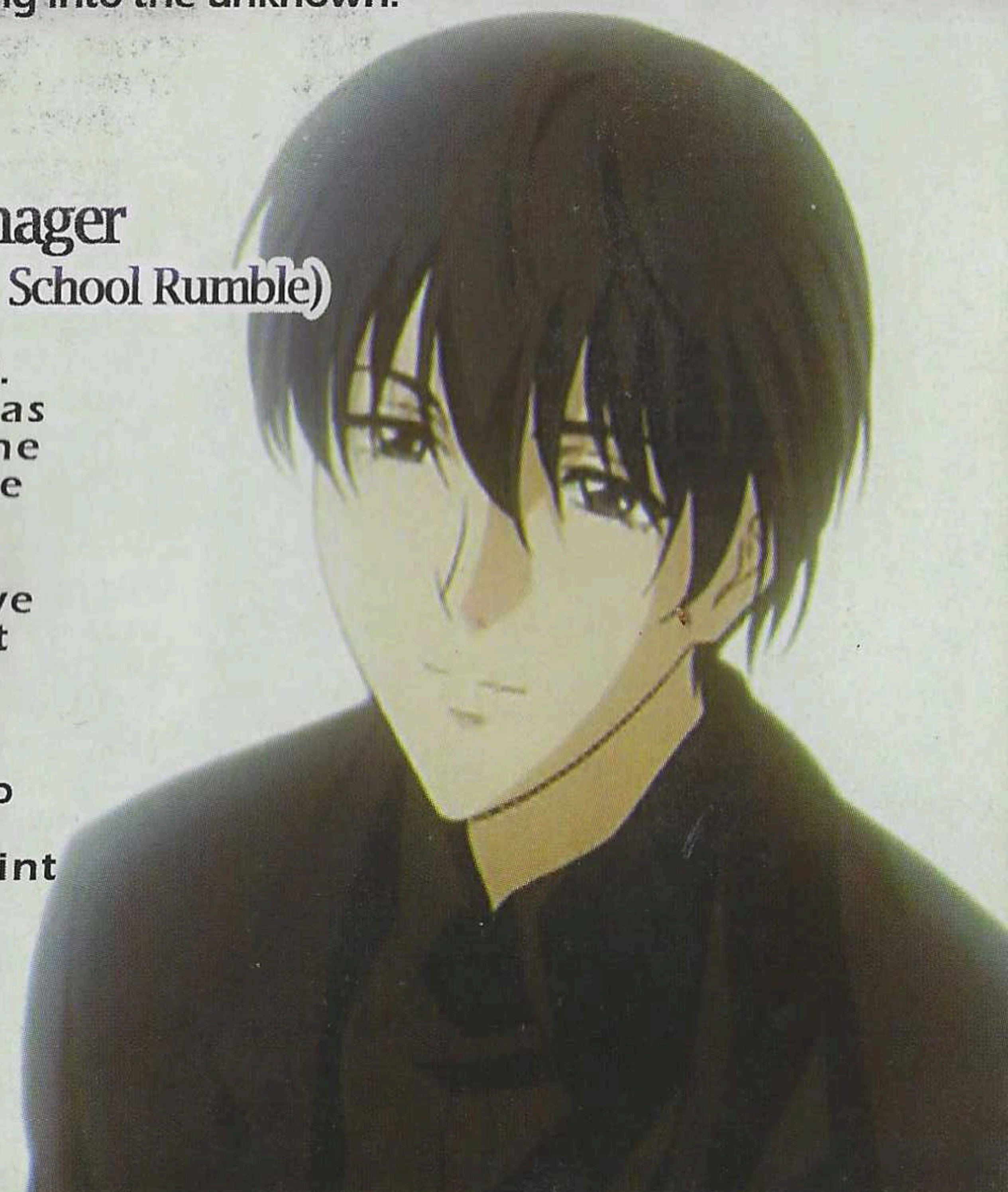
She always tries to outsmart Hosho despite his clear dominance over her in terms of completing rituals. She is very positive about her knowledge of performing rituals and purifying spirits, albeit she hasn't mastered her craft yet. Her ability is the strongest when she is surrounded by trees, as the very foundation of her power is from nature itself. Her method of purifying spirits represents Shintoism. In times of danger, she always thinks of people's safety. Ayako often tells the group to prioritize their wellbeing before diving into the unknown.

Kazuya Shibuya - The manager

Seiyuu: Yuuki Tai (Nara Kentarou, School Rumble)

The manager of the SPR Center. Only 17 years old, Kazuya acts as a flirt and a smooth talker to the ladies, as his strategy to get the information that he needs. Because of his arrogance and narcissistic tendencies, Mai gave him the nickname "Naru", short for 'narushisuto' (big-headed).

On normal days, he is just another teenager who seems to be always in deep thought. At work, Kazuya is quite bad at joint efforts as he mostly works by himself. He has the ability to exorcise spirit even though he lacks the spiritual ability to clearly see and interact with them.



Hosho Takigawa - The monk

Seiyuu: Kenji Hamada (Shinobu Negoro, Busou Renkin)

Hosho would definitely not befit the title "the monk" because of his long hair. He looks cool and often displays a rebellious attitude. However, as a former monk, he is an expert in his field.

He knows chants that may gather ghosts in one place and lock them up for purification until it's done.

Hosho assumes the role of a leader especially when Naru is not around. True enough, Naru depends on him a couple of times to recite chants and temporarily trap spirits. Hosho debates a lot with Ayako, seeing that Ayako fails to exorcise spirits using her Shinto rituals against his way of fluent chanting.

However, despite his brash attitude, he cares deeply about everyone in SPR. He is well-known for always protecting Mai in times of danger. His method embodies the way of the Buddha.



John Brown - The priest

Seiyuu: Nobuhiko Okumoto (Hikaru Asahina, Brothers Conflict)



The SPR team sees John Brown as a comical relief initially because of his funny accent. The first time he spoke, everyone giggled.

John Brown is far from being taken imprudently, as he is already a certified priest even at a young age of 19. From Australia, John looks like a feeble 12-year-old "shota" but proficient at his chosen line of work nonetheless.

His method uses the holy water while stating verses from the Bible. He splatters holy water on an item possessed by the spirit to free it from the spirit's control. Unlike Ayako's and Hosho's techniques wherein the spirits feel

pain while being exorcised, John's approach is friendly and does not potentially harm apparitions. His remarkable traits include being extremely kind and polite, getting along nicely with other members of SPR and working well in a team. The method that John uses in exorcising the spirits is likened to Christianity.

Masako Hara - The medium

Seiyuu: RieKugimiya (Kagura, Gintama)

Masako Hara is a famous spirit channeler who had TV guestings because of her ability to sense and interact with ghosts. Mai mistook Masako for a ghost because of her pale complexion and scary emotionless face.

She seldom shows emotions and it's only towards ghosts who have been suffering for a very long time. The only drawback in her job is that she is often caught up in the middle because of humans' desire to eradicate the spirits, and the spirits' yearning to be free from agony.

According to Masako, there are two ways to deal with spirits. First is to purify them, and second is to eradicate the soul completely. However, Masako treats spirits as humans who have feelings. Thus, she approves of a more friendly approach to handle them. Masako at work is very serious, and she trusts her intuition well enough. She often displays her obviously huge crush on Naru by pretending to be dizzy after channeling. Fortunately, only Mai notices this and gets jealous. Masako's remarkable qualities are her devotion to spirits and her yearning to empathize with them more.



Osamu Yasuhara-the client

Seiyuu: Kousuke Okano (ReccaHanabishi, Flame of Recca)



Osamu appears as Naru's client, taking responsibility for his school as the student council president. Naru initially rejected the principal's call for help, so Osamu created a petition gathering signatures from his fellow students for Naru to reconsider their heed for call to purify their beloved school.

Seeing how enthusiastic Osamu is regarding the matter, Naru agreed to do the job. Osamu had never been a burden to their group, and in fact was of great help to them when it came to

research work. At some point, Naru was hospitalized due to a tremendous overuse of his psychic ability. His great research ability impressed everyone and they eventually hired him as a part-timer.

Even the members of the SPR who have special abilities get scared when confronted with ghosts, and it is only natural to feel as such. So who are we to not be frightened at all in front of apparitions? There is no need to act bravely. With the right approach and right timing, we can just run away when that happens!

Kidding aside, the ghost stories that we persistently share every year have proven that we are not the only creatures in this world, and that we may want to be careful of what we do.

Those lingering spirits were probably alive once, or maybe they're a product of our imagination just waiting to be real. As they say, ghastly stories everyday attract ghosts from all corners of our way.



SPECIAL FEATURE

NOT your AVERAGE school ANIME



written by Derek Ironheart

Looking for something with a crazy amount of action and comedy? Mash it up with crazy uniforms, cartoonish animation and art and BIG weapons?! Add a dash of a rather psychotic sense of control and you've got a crazy series.

Set in **Honnouji Academy**, a psychotic fascist post-apocalyptic high school that is subjugated under the rule of a powerful dictator and student council leader **Satsuki Kiryuin**, along with her army of student council underlings.

Equipped with special super powered uniforms called **Goku uniforms** that grant them superhuman abilities according to what number of stars are marked on it, the council uses these uniforms oppress the rest of the school's students and even staff members.

The series was released last October 3, along with a manga adaptation by **Ryo Akizuki** began serialization in Kadokawa Shoten's Young Ace magazine starting October 4.

From Trigger productions, directed by Hiroyuki Imaishi and written by Kazuki Nakashima; the crazy duo that brought you the even crazier action-comedy series **GurrenLagann**, bring you

KILL la KILL

Wrapped up with a cool action packed crazy plot, and a great post-apocalyptic atmosphere, **Kill la Kill** is definitely the anime to watch for a fresh look into the action-comedy genre.



The main protagonist:

Ryuko Matoi, a war-mongering transfer student. At the start of the anime, she handles herself around the city jungle, easily winning against street delinquents.

Ryuko carries a big case at her back. Inside is a sword which is shaped as half of a scissors. She reveals that she came to Honnouji Academy to hunt down the owner of the other half of the scissor blade.

Unfortunately, she is defeated by the council. Running away to heal her wounds, Ryuko stumbles across a very peculiar sentient sailor uniform. The living school uniform, she names **Senketsu**, latches on to Ryuko.

With **Senketsu** granting her intense power and special abilities, Ryuko stands her ground against the **Four Elites**, to liberate Honnouji Academy from their iron fist dictatorship and reveal the truth behind her father's murder.

Mako Mankanshoku

Voice Actress: Aya Suzaki

Full of energy, Mako is Ryuko's seatmate and only friend in Honnouji Academy. They Meet when Mako's brother tried to steal Ryuko's wallet and fights against her when he failed.

She may be very energetic but Mako in class is entirely different as she sleeps the whole time. When Ryuko retreated from her fist fight, Mako was left as bait, until she was saved.

You will not get enough of her cuteness overload and funny antics.



Satsuki Kiryuin

Voiced Actress: Ryoka Yuzuki

The one and only student council president. The dictator oppressing the school and the main antagonist of the series; Satsuki Kiryuin is a 18-year-old power hungry leader with a sociopathic nature.

Following in the foot-steps of her mother who leads the school's board of directors, Satsuki dominates the school to the impotence of its principal, teachers, other school staff members and, all the students in general. She administers the special **Goku Uniforms** to students depending on their skill sets and worthiness in battle.

She wields a katana called **Bakuzan**.



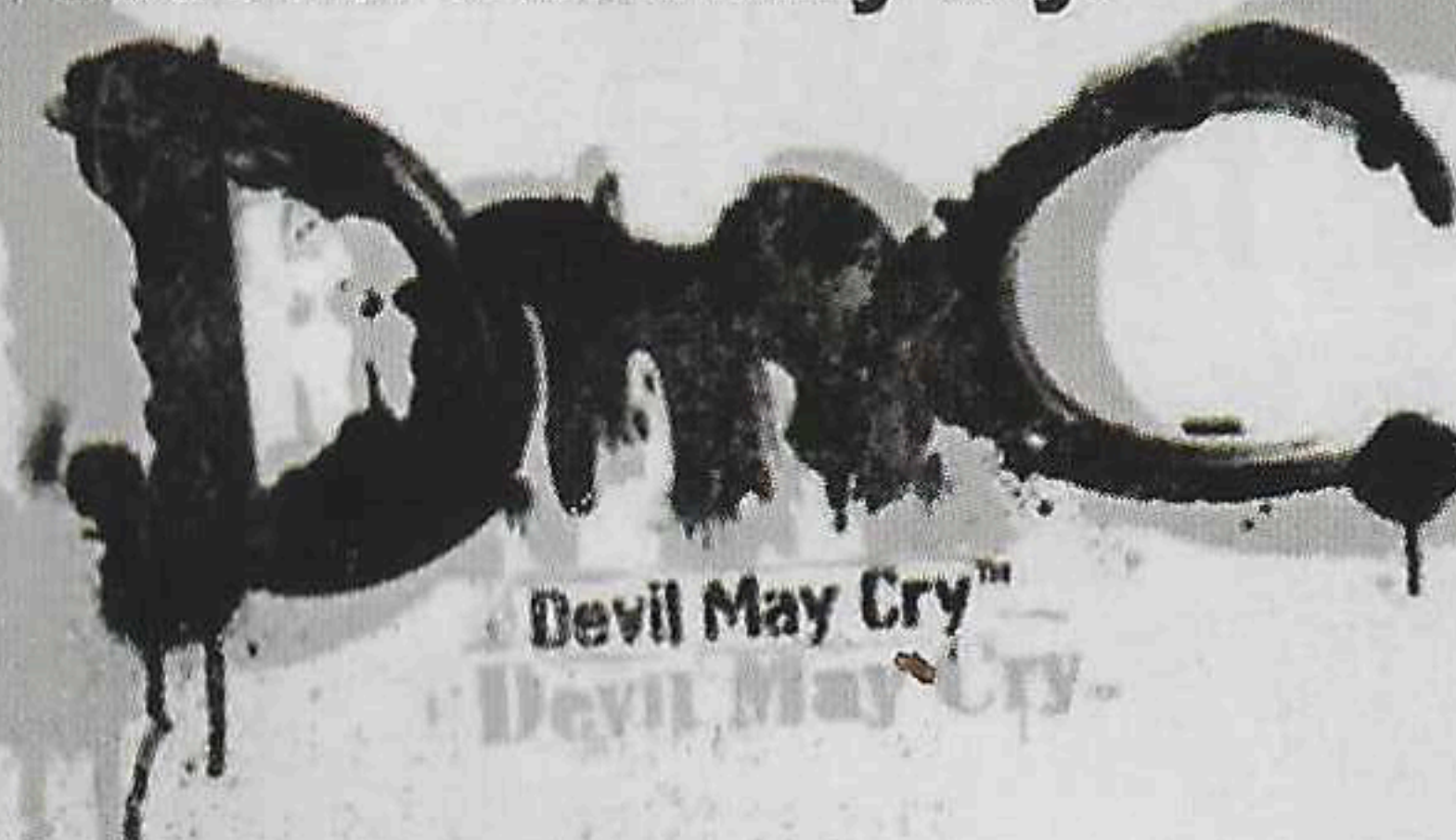
Publisher Capcom
Developer Ninja Theory
Format PS3, Xbox 360, PC
Release January 2013

WELCOME
 to LIMBO city

In a society infested by demons, two individuals enter the fray, one aims to topple the hierarchy while the other intends to stand at the top.

Can they achieve their goal or will they succumb to this god forsaken world?

Witness their journey as they serve judgment amidst all the malice and mayhem in the new reboot of Devil May Cry.

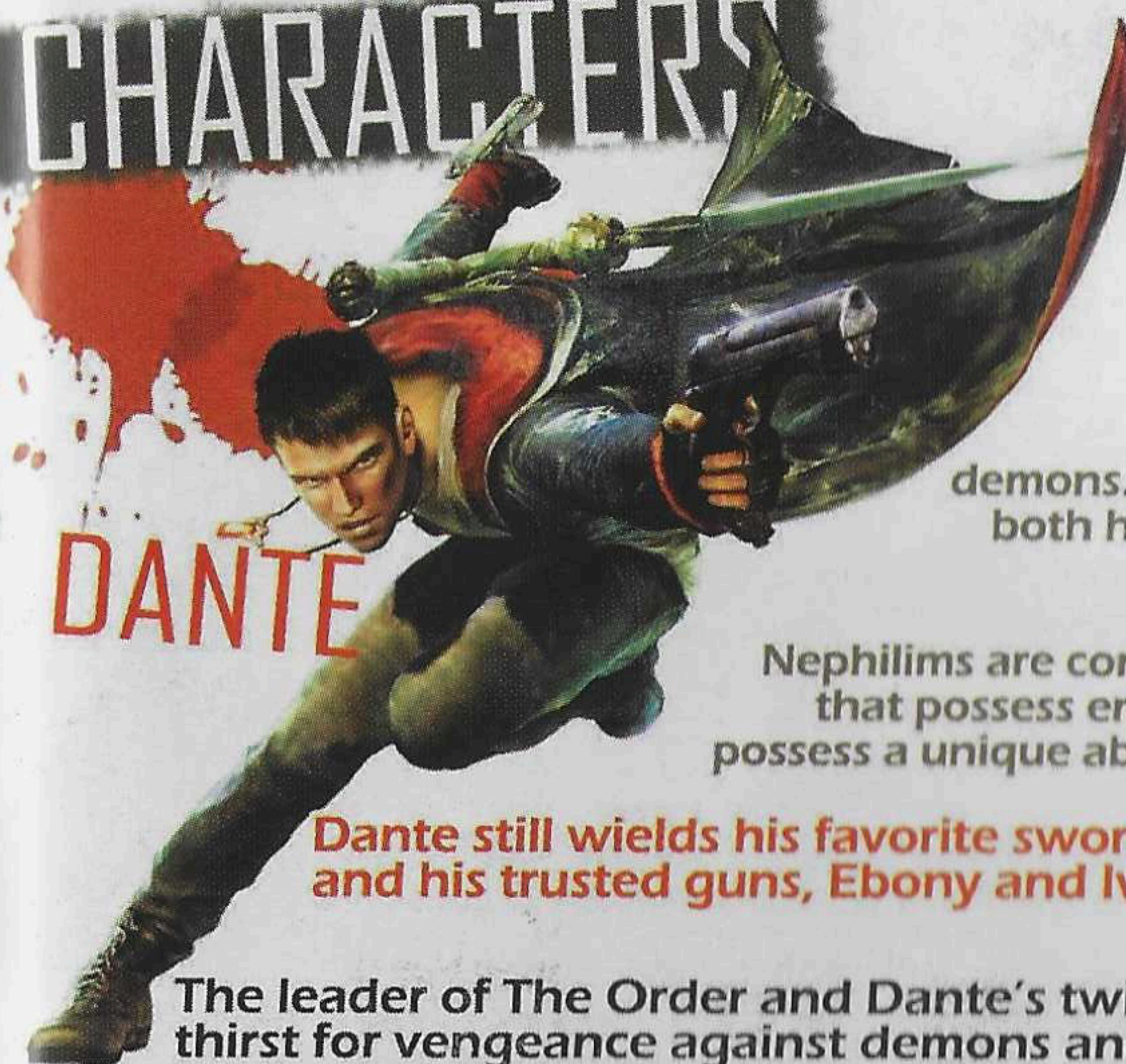


The game takes place in **Limbo City**, a modern metropolis that has fallen into the clutches of demons who manipulates humanity. Amidst the brainwashed society lives **Dante**, a half human, half demon who is constantly in conflict with demons. Caught between different worlds, he feels like an outcast struggling to find out the meaning of his existence. Along the way, he meets a young woman named **Kat** who introduces him to **The Order**, led by his seemingly long lost brother, **Vergil**.

The Order is hell-bent on exposing the existence of demons to the world and releasing Limbo City from Mundus, the Demon King.

Together, they are on a mission of judgment and extermination with everything at stake.

CHARACTERS



DANTE

The demon hunter returns once again as the main protagonist of DmC. He is a rebellious young outcast who is treated as a terrorist and pursued by worldwide authorities.

Dante is a demon-angel hybrid known as a **Nephilim**, birthed by the demon Sparda and the angel Eva. Due to his rare lineage, Dante possesses a myriad of superhuman skills and abilities that exceeds those of mere angels and demons. He's hybrid nature gives him authority to wield both holy and demonic powers and is capable to cross between different worlds.

Nephilims are considered a fatal threat for they are the only ones that possess enough strength to slay Demon Kings. Dante also possess a unique ability known as the **Devil Trigger** which boost his powers tremendously.

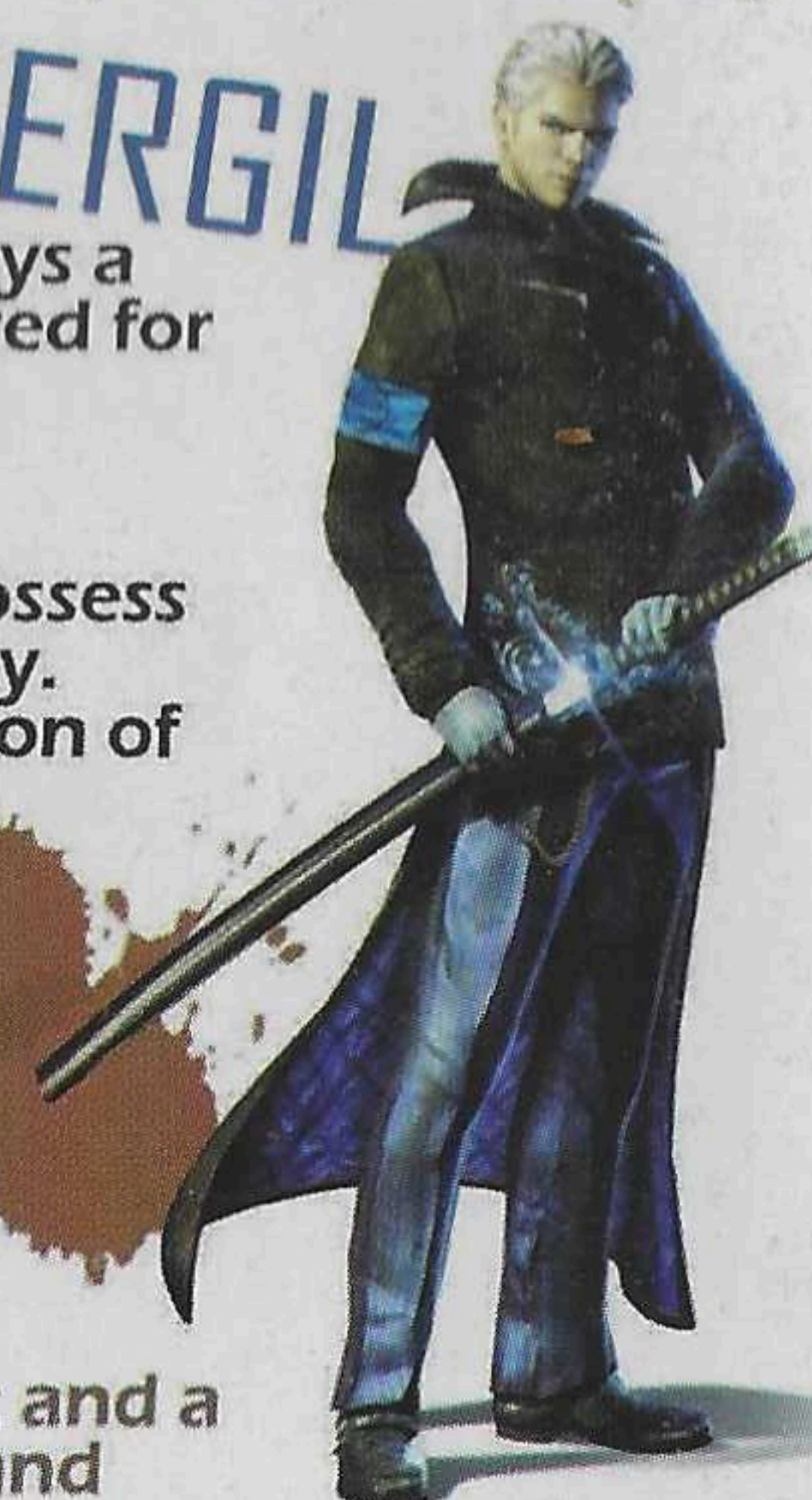
Dante still wields his favorite sword, the **Rebellion**, and his trusted guns, **Ebony and Ivory**

The leader of **The Order** and Dante's twin brother. He displays a thirst for vengeance against demons and harbor's deep hatred for the Demon King. His primary purpose is to oppose Mundus' tyrannical reign and to expose their existence to the world.

Despite his opposition, he believes that humans must not possess absolute freedom and therefore aims to stand atop humanity. Vergil will sacrifice anything and everything for the realization of his goals, even his love for his brother.

Vergil wields his famous blade, the **Yamato**.

VERGIL



KAT

Also known as Katherine.

She is an important figure who serves as Dante's guide throughout his adventure. Kat is a psychic and a medium. She has the ability of astral projection and possesses several Wiccan spells which makes her an indispensable member of **The Order**.

She was orphaned at a very young age and was raised by her foster father who turns out to be demon. She was recruited by Vergil.

She was the one who convinced Dante to join **The Order**.

DmC's gameplay is quite similar to its predecessors but with some serious upgrades and major tweaks involved. Dante wields a wide variety of weapons and arsenals necessary for his demon hunt. Trigger buttons were set to utilize the use of angelic and demonic weapons. Massive combos can be performed by exploiting the game's combo mechanics. Beaming with a huge emphasis on the game's environment, the game is sure to provide satisfaction for those stunt hungry Devil May Cry fans.

There have been major improvements in the game industry and it's never a crime to follow the trend. Devil May Cry is a powerful game and has been the favorite of many gamers all over the world. This reboot puts together the improvements and everything you loved about the first four games.

DmC will not let you down.

DmC: Devil May Cry is a single player, hack and slash, shoot 'em up action game, with the use of the **Unreal Engine 3**. DmC is a reboot disconnected from the famous Devil May Cry franchise where the story and events strongly deviates from its predecessors but still includes the same concepts.

Prior to its release, the game was initially not well received by countless fans stating negative comments and qualms about the announcement. After many tweaks and revisions up to its release, DmC's fame greatly rose and was widely received by gamers boasting over a million copies sold. Although it is less popular than its previous iteration, Devil May Cry 4, DmC received very positive reviews from critics resulting to a sudden boost in its fame.



Publisher Bethesda
Softworks
Developer
Tango Gameworks
+ id Tech 5 engine
Format 360, PC,
PS3, PS4

The Evil Within

Dead but still evil.

Sebastian looks like your average trench coat detective, but he's not a trigger-happy. Along with his partners, Joseph and Julie, they respond to a distress call from a mental asylum. Upon their arrival at a deserted crime scene, they were ambushed by a ghoul which felled Sebastian's fellow police officers one after another until he himself was rendered unconscious.

Upon regaining consciousness, Sebastian found himself in a room filled with corpses, blood and grime. As if this wasn't enough, a horrendous butcher comes in and starts carving a body.

Sebastian isn't stupid. He knows he hasn't regained strength and chooses to sneak past the monster butcher.

The Resident Evil Inside

The Evil Inside cannot be helped but compared to Resident Evil. With it's similar titles and creator. Shinji Mikami, however, has announced that this will be his last game.

Known as Psycho Break in Japan, this game is another survival horror gameplay. Players will have to go through the story, the monsters and the terror with scarce resources. But unlike another of Mikami's game, The Evil Within scares the player through mazes, unending corridors and intelligent monsters. The horror is psychological and dark.

Mikami admits that he created the game to put a balance between feeling powerless and feeling powerful.

Admirable id Tech 5 modification

id Tech 5 is a project led by John Carmack. First used in the video game **Rage**. Being the latest game engine by id Software, it boasts softer shadows, motion blur, soft particles, cloth simulation and more.

The Evil Inside's camera will occasionally jump from first-person, to third and back again. Not to confuse the player but to show the terrors surrounding Sebastian at the moment.

Corpses are gross, monsters are scary and blood is gooey but you cannot help but admire the details just as they try to tackle you.

Unbelievable trailers

Bethesda, last April, released a 2 minute live action trailer giving a glimpse of the various creatures that will appear in game.

September, Mikami released another 2 minutes of the games introduction during the Tokyo Game Show. Then an extended 12 minute trailer.

All three trailers showed intelligent creatures, hard-to-kill zombies, impossible scenarios that may or may not be hallucinations or real.

Also revealing that there will be no maps, a fragile health bar and some useful traps. The gameplay is point-and-shoot, single player.

Something definitely to look forward to in 2014.



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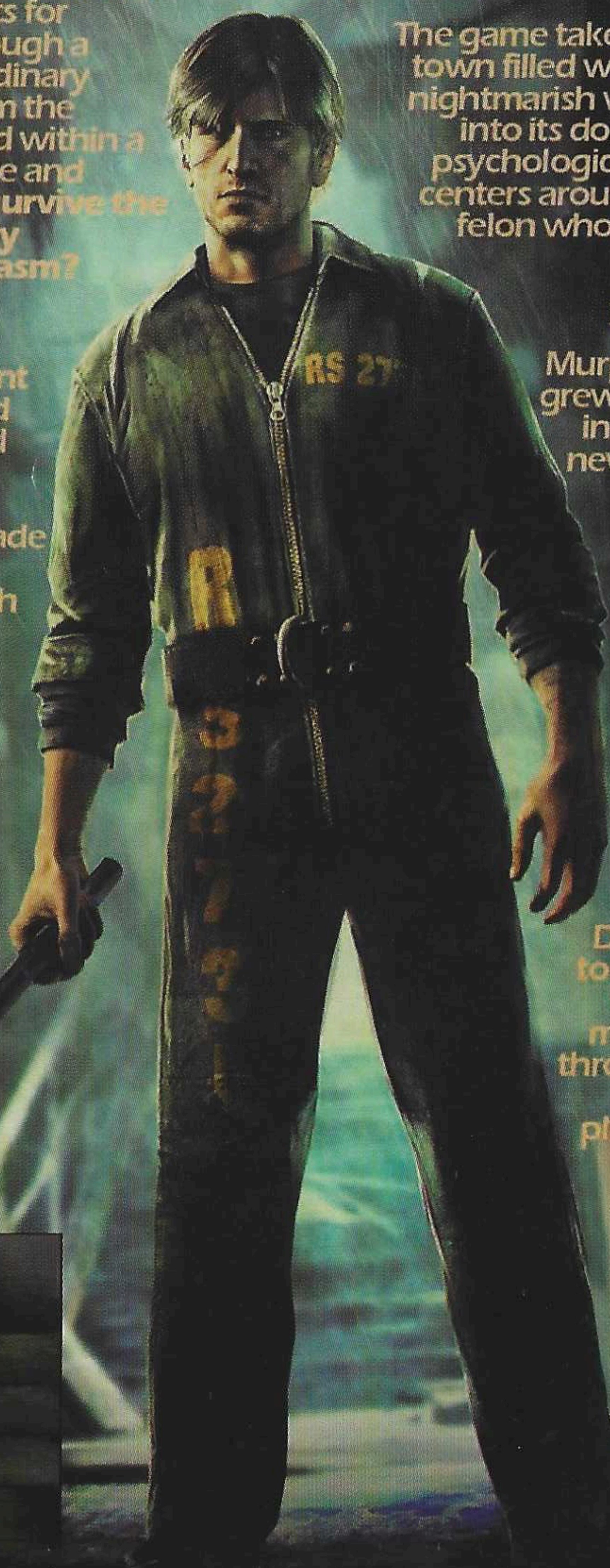
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it's Silent Hill: Downpour

Publisher Konami Digital Entertainment
Developer Vatra Games
Format PS3 and Xbox 360
Release March 2012

Amidst the curtain of fog and relentless downpour, a lone figure fights for survival and cuts his way through a seemingly quiet yet not so ordinary town that was torn apart from the realm of man. He is entrapped within a hellish prison filled with malice and despair. **Can he manage to survive the horror or will he be eternally absorbed within the phantasm?**

Downpour is the eighth installment in the famous Silent Hill series, following Shattered Memories. The game received both positive praises and negative comments. Various changes and tweaks were made in the game which sort of deviated from the series which ironically gave the game a refreshing feeling despite its dark theme.



the gAmEPlay

Silent Hill: Downpour is a game that just begs to be explored, with the town of Silent Hill that has challenged every visitor time and again. Beneath the back draft of this town, lies a slice of hell and carnage that absorb players into the flow of the game. Downpour has adapted previous Silent Hill gameplays that involve fight scenes. The player may pick up any available weapon, ranging from melee weapons and ranged arsenals. The game also features a wide variety of puzzle-solving that may hinder the player's advancement as well as a decision-making system, where the players choice may greatly affect the protagonists' morality and the story's inevitable ending. There is also an occasional downpour, which may result to a boost of enemies in both number and strength.

the SETtinG

The game takes place in Silent Hill, an eerie town filled with unthinkable horrors. This nightmarish world absorbs all who enters into its domain and plunges them into psychological torture. Downpour's story centers around a man named **Murphy**, a felon who was unwillingly sucked into Silent Hill.

mUrPhy PeNdLeTOn

Murphy, the game's protagonist, grew up an orphan, got involved in criminal acts but turned to a new life, got married and had a child. Murphy used to be a loving husband and father. But when his son was abducted and drowned in a lake, he divorced his wife.

Upon the loss of his family, Murphy was overwhelmed with a desire for vengeance and set out for revenge. He hijacked a police vehicle following his arrest and conviction.

During his scheduled transfer to another prison, an accident took place. Due to a careless mistake, they were sent flying through the road and cascaded down the mountain side plunging towards their doom.

Regaining consciousness, Murphy decided to make a run for it. He runs towards the depths of Silent Hill, and thus begins his journey of horror and survival.



REVIEWS



HELL GIRL

JIGOKU-SHOJO

written by James



"Go to hell!" that's what we tell people we don't like. It's just a harmless expression that doesn't mean anything, right? Well, if you're dead serious about it, then you better give Enma Ai a holler and she'll literally send any person you wish to hell. But always be careful what you wish for: because when a person is cursed, two graves are dug. You don't want that, now do you? So instead of contemplating on having your vengeance delivered, just watch Hell Girl instead and learn from others' mistakes.

Hell Girl is about a girl named Enma Ai, more popularly known as Hell Girl. Through the Hell Correspondence, a supposed urban legend website that can only be accessed at 12AM, she accepts requests peoples' requests to send any person they choose to hell. She does this by giving her clients a straw doll with a red string, once the red string is pulled, the contract is fulfilled – the person who the client has chosen will be sent to hell, at the cost of the client's own soul going to hell as well after death.

Due to this concept, the character becomes more of a plot device rather than a central character, making the series focus on Enma Ai's clients on a per-episode basis. While the show has a certain pattern, it does have arcs that show the nature of the Hell Correspondence, the people who try to find out its secrets and its effects towards them, as well as the pasts of Enma Ai and her cohorts – all of this giving the show a sense of direction, depth, and a plot.

Explored throughout the series are themes such as justice, vengeance, bitterness, vanity, and suffering, making the show something of a social commentary as well as a deconstruction of how and why people would probably use the Hell Correspondence if it actually existed.

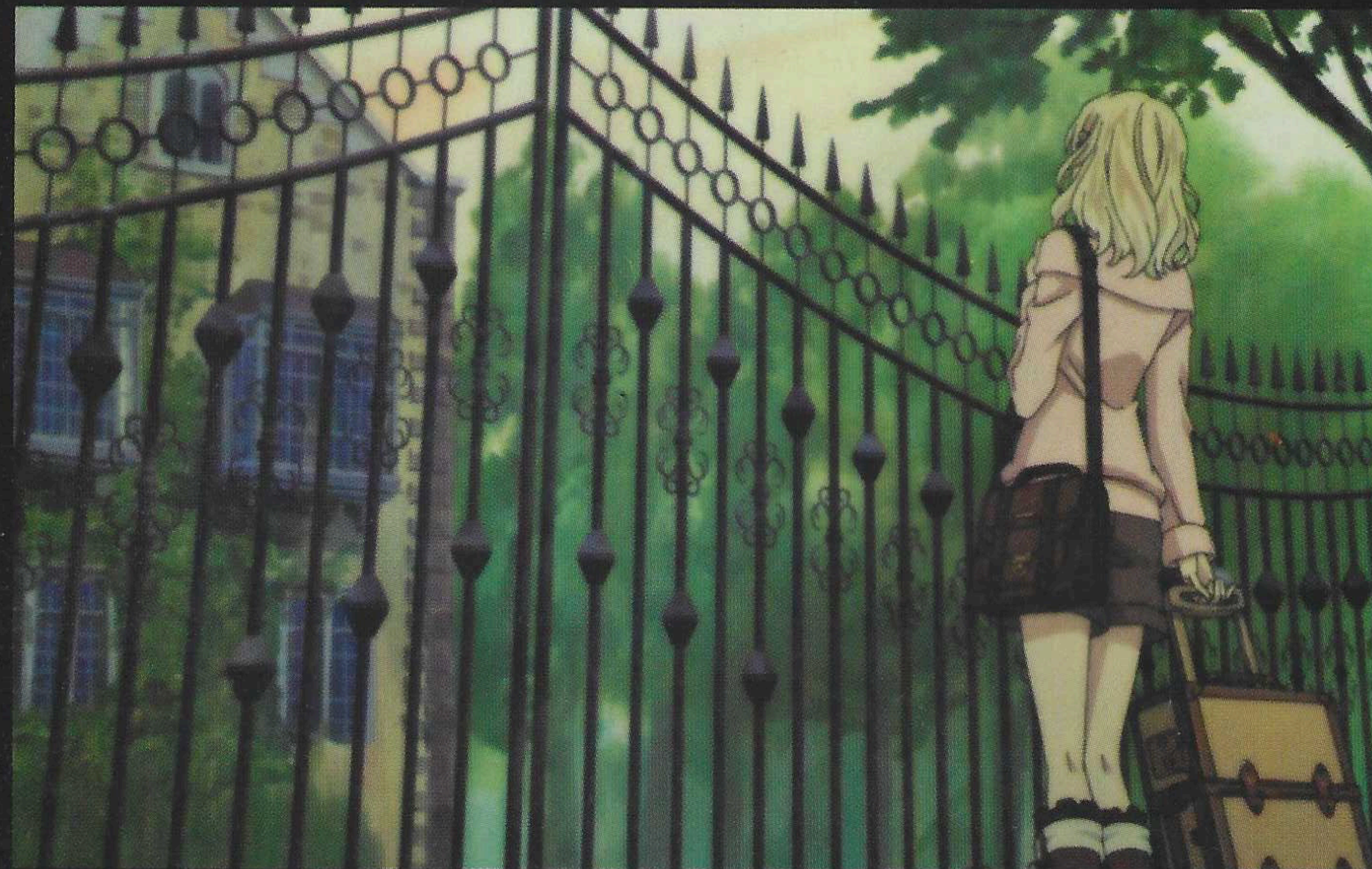
The art of Hell Girl is a sight to behold. With well-drawn and detailed characters whose personalities can already be felt with just looks alone, breathtaking sceneries across Japan that range from city skylines to rural fields, and the grotesque hair-raising illustrations of how the victims suffer right before they are taken to hell, it inspires awe and fear to its viewers.

And a definite plus for the show, be it in its art or its themes, is the way it subtly yet greatly emphasizes on traditional Japanese culture, religion, and horror mythology, especially during the scenes where hell is depicted and the flashbacks on the lives of Enma Ai and her cohorts.

Creepy, dark, deep, and always inspiring fear and terror at the right times, Hell Girl is eerily beautiful not only in its imagery but also in its plot and themes, making it one of the best horror anime there is out there.

DIABOLIK LOVERS

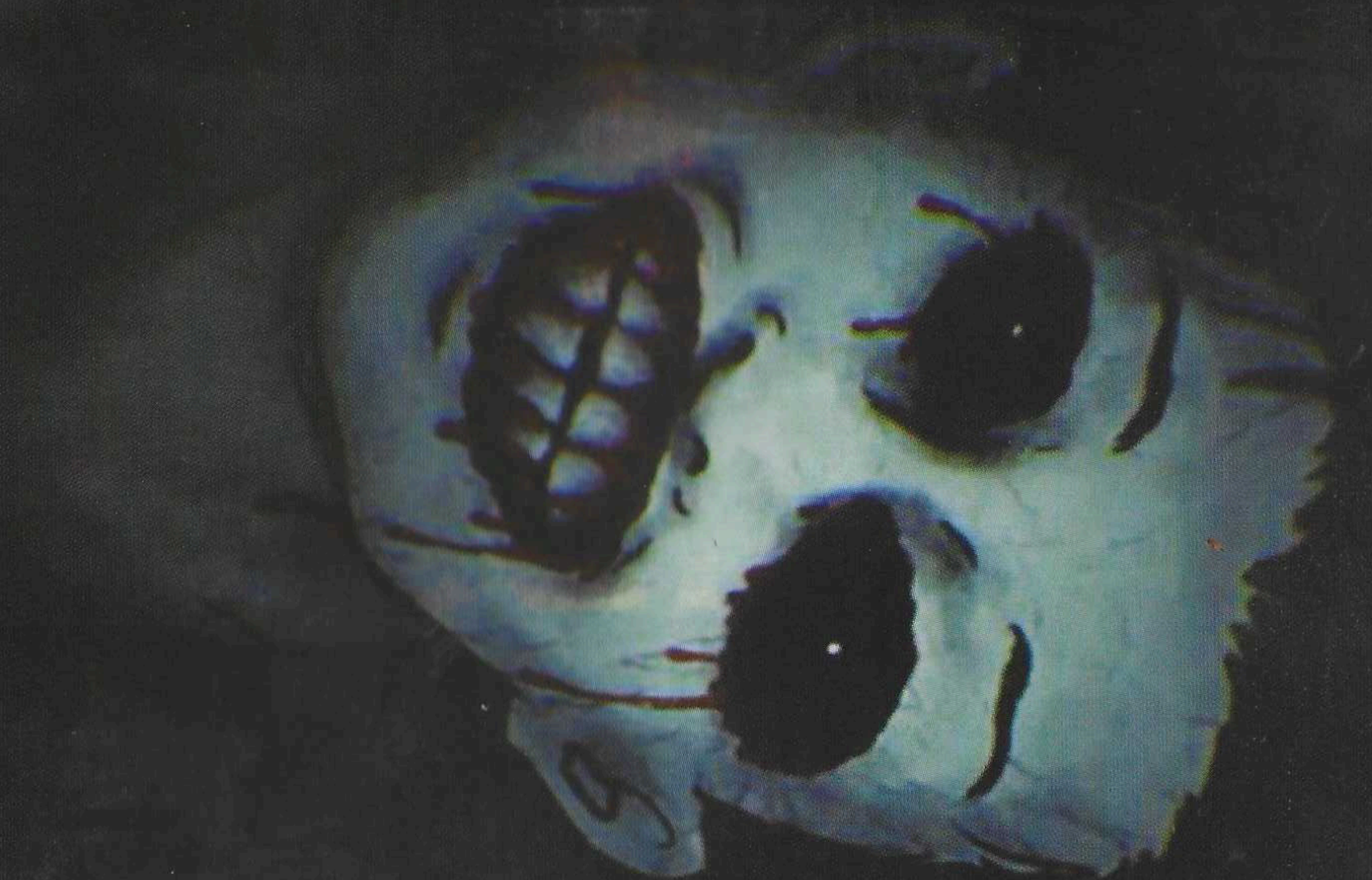
written by James



A beautiful girl victimized by a handsome vampire – sounds cliché, doesn't it? How about six bishounen vampire brothers? If that gets your blood flowing, then you better give **Diabolik Lovers** a shot.

Based on an otome (single girl; multiple male lovers) visual novel, **Diabolik Lovers** is about **Komori Yui**, a girl who has been sent to a mansion by her father. Arriving at the only to discover that she will be cohabiting with the Sakamoto brothers, namely Ayato, Raito, Kanato, Shu, Subaru, and Reiji – all of whom are vampires who wish to “taste” her. What's even worse is that she is being referred by them as a ‘bride’, something she has completely no idea about.

One of the latest anime released this fall 2013, the show began airing last September 16, and will be having 12 episodes. With beautifully designed characters and an eerie air to it, **Diabolik Lovers** is one that will get the fangirls (and some fanboys) screaming all season long.



written by James

YAMISHIBAI

The Philippines isn't the only country with mythical beasts and wandering spirits. Japan also has their own share of legends. Some of the scariest stories is told in the anime, **Yamishibai**.

Yamishibai, which means Theater of Darkness, tells different Japanese ghost stories loosely based on modern urban legends. With the title being a word-play to *kamishibai*, the Japanese traditional art of paper drama, the story is told using still images, narration and exchange of dialogue; giving it a creepier feel.

Premiering last July, the show ended with 13 episodes that lasts about four minutes each. It's a good anime if you're on the get go and want a quick scare. Scary and artistic, the anime will definitely give you the goosebumps.

Watch **Yamishibai**, then try to sleep afterwards.



REVIEWS

written by James

BLOOD+

When hideous creatures come out in the dead of the night and prey on innocent people, who do you think will defend you and slay them in your stead? A teenage girl, of course. Yes, I'm being dead serious here. If you don't believe me, then prepare to be infused with a healthy dose of Blood +.

Blood + is about an ordinary teenage girl named **Saya Otonashi**. She's nice, sweet, and quite the athlete. Living with her adoptive father and stepbrothers. Since she's an ordinary girl, she has pretty much lived an ordinary yet happy and fulfilling life with her adoptive family. All that changed when Saya witnesses a grotesque bat-like monster attack and feed on one of her teachers on school grounds. As she was almost gotten killed by the monsters, she is protected by a **Hagi**, a tall mysterious man with a monstrous claw for a hand. And to deepen the already complicating mysterious surrounding Saya, a man named David starts communicating to her foster father, telling him that it's time for Saya to know the truth about her past. With all this, Saya's once simple and peaceful life becomes completely changed forever.

Blood + is a gothic mystery action-horror that involves monstrous vampires, government secrets related to the Vietnam War and US military bio-engineering research, a vampire katana-wielding teenage girl whose blood can crystallize the blood of fellow vampires, and her loyal bishounen retainer.

Having said that, don't expect over-the-top action, but look forward to decent and satisfying action sequences that involves a lot of blood oozing and gushing as well as body parts being dismembered. There are many secrets and conspiracies both related to the government and Saya's true nature. Watch Blood+ as her past gets unearthed left and right with just the right amount of drama about a little girl being caught up in the horrific business of slaying bloodsucking eldritch abominations.

All in all, Blood + is one of those cool anime that revels in its genre while giving a fresh twist to the usual vampire mythos.



REVIEWS

MAKAI OUJI: DEVILS AND REALIST

Makai Ouji: Devils and Realist is a Japanese manga series written by Madoka Takadono and illustrated by Utako Yukihiro. An anime adaptation was licensed by Dogakobo and started airing on July 7.



Realists are those people who accepts the world as it literally is. They will only believe in things that can be explained by science. When the scientific realist, William Twining, is visited by devils, hell breaks loose.

Hell is loose. The Emperor of Hell, Lucifer goes into a long period of rest and Hell has to find a temporary ruler. The only one who could choose the next ruler is, of course, the realist William Twining. After finding out that his uncle has failed the family business, William has to find a way to continue his studies in a prestigious school when he unintentionally summons a demon. The demon, Dantalion, informs him of his responsibility as the "Elector"- the only one who can choose the next ruler of Hell and that William is a descendant of King Solomon, who had powers over his seventy-two pillars. All of which William refuses to believe (because there is no scientific evidence of the existence of demons and hell).

Despite this, Dantalion stays with William and enrolls to his school. He is later followed by the other candidates, Sytry and Camio. William finds himself thrown into a world of angels and demons.



DEMON LORDS

What completes horror in anime is a roster of eccentric individuals with the most twisted personalities in their stories, equally designed for all audiences to get scared of, and sometimes even laugh at. Let's delve into the world of demon lords and terrifying girl characters, which are deemed to be the most important elements in a horror story.

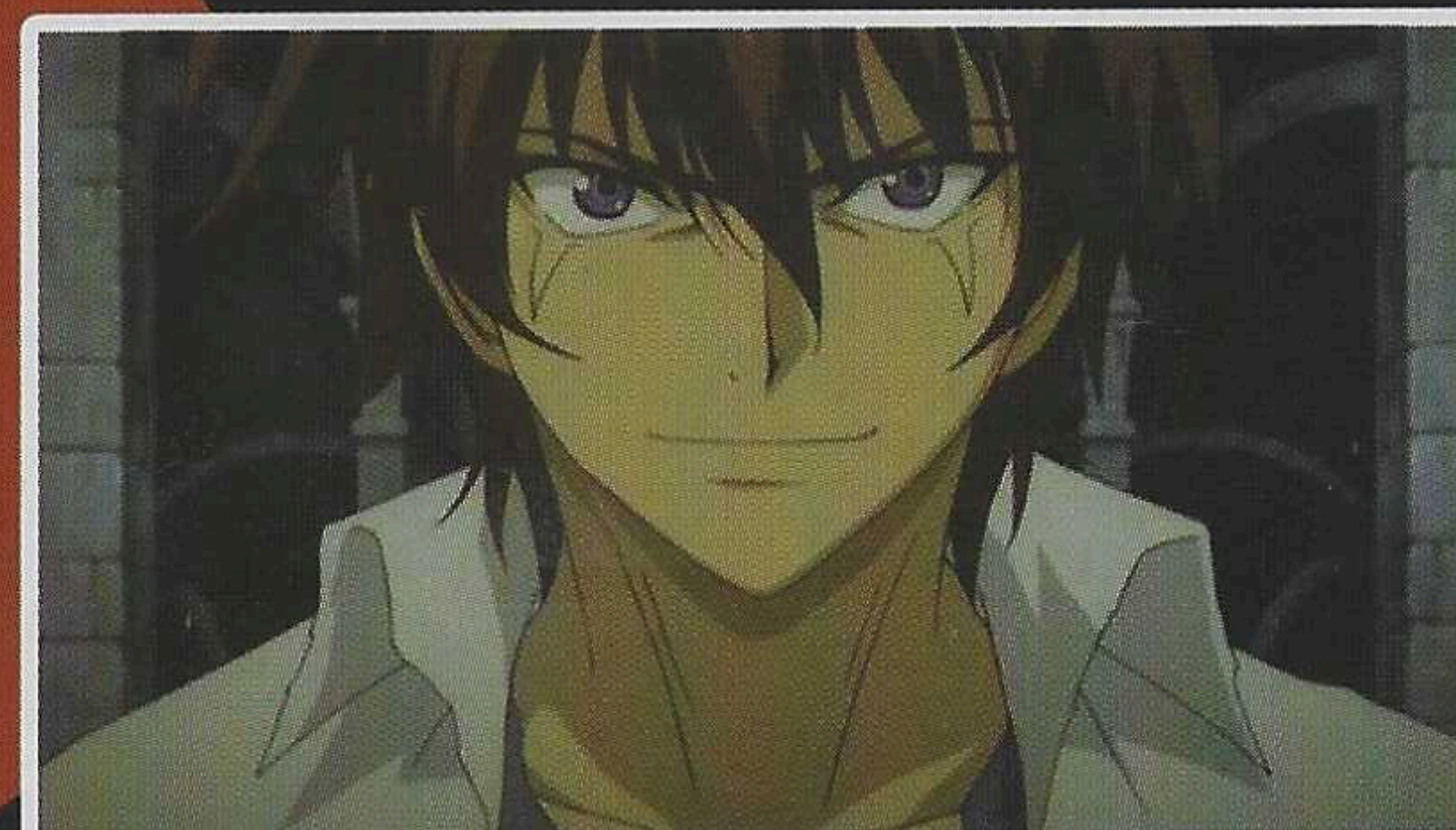
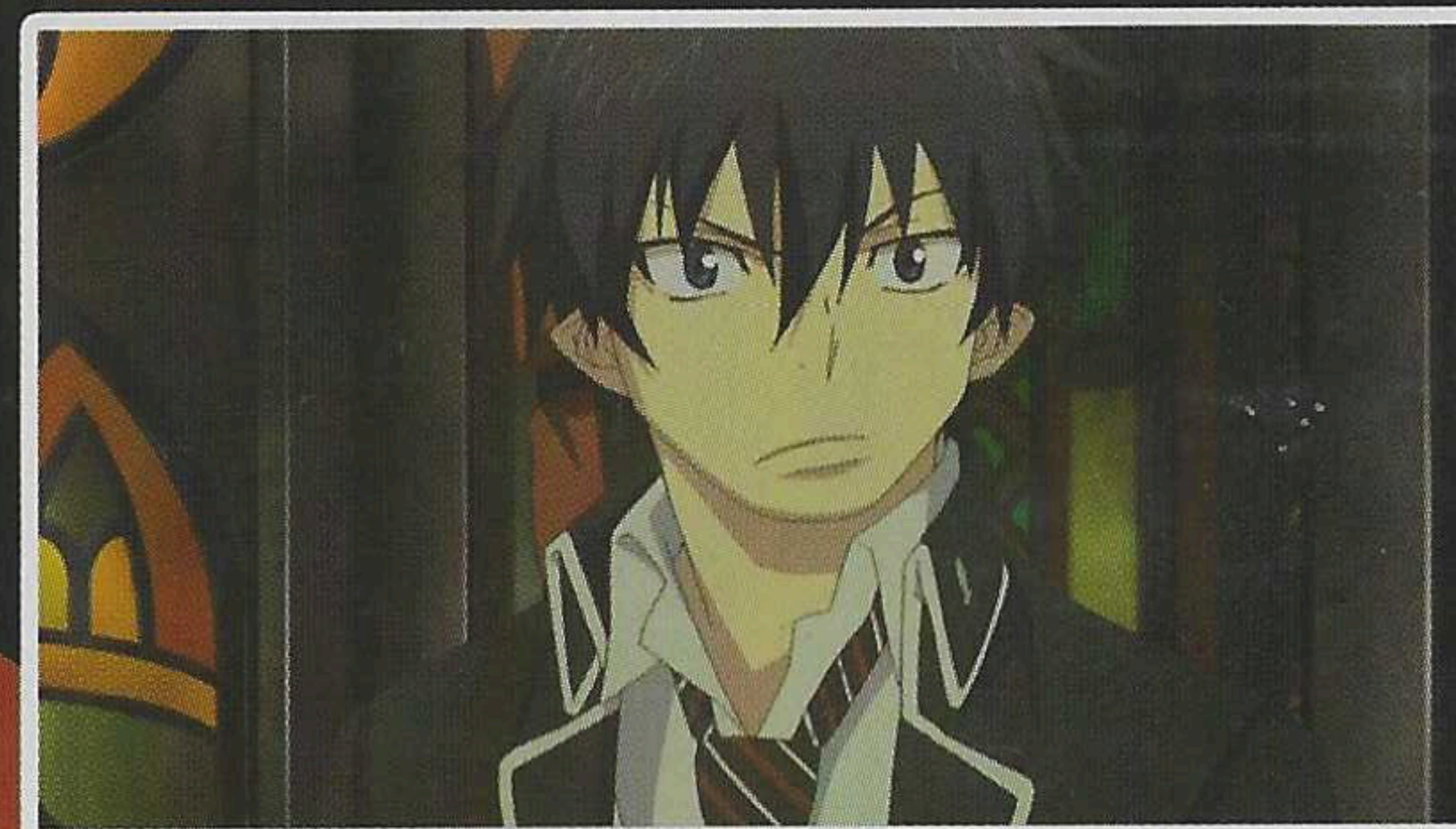


Ryo Utsugi (Demon Lord Dante)

Ryo Utsugi, a seemingly normal average high school student who often dreams about a winged, blue-skinned monster. His nightmares begin when a cult starts reviving the Demon Lord Dante through sacrifice. He later on finds out that he is the extension of Dante's form, only in a human body, and the parents he grew up with were only his adoptive parents.

A certain entity called "God" asked the humans to offer themselves to feed him power. However, they rejected the idea of becoming sacrificial lambs. God made use of animals instead, and that incident resulted to those animals turning into horrifying, monstrous creatures.

Surprisingly, Ryo acknowledges the fact that he has another form, Dante, and joins forces with other cultists to battle God.



Laharl (Makai Senki Disgaea)

When a king dies, the next to kin automatically claims the title. However, in the case of Demon Lords, the successor should be able to prove himself worthy of the title first before he gains it. When Laharl found out that his father was assassinated, he had suddenly asserted his right to the title and wanted to become the overlord. The only problem is that he's too kind for the role that his father left behind. He appears as if he could not even kill a single fly.

This earns him a lot of teasing from his subordinates, but he tries to become stronger anyway to show them what powers he obtained from being the son of a Demon Lord. He often exaggerates and overuses his power to attract people's attention for them to see him as a "cold and merciless" Demon Lord. His antics are very comical, but he indeed possesses great strength and magic that match to that of a Demon Lord.

Rin Okumura (Ao no Exorcist)

Rin Okumura cannot escape his own destiny of being Satan's son. Rin's foster father, Shiro Fujimoto, kept this a secret from him, and had told him not to sheathe a certain Kurikara sword no matter what happens. The said sword had Rin's powers sealed in it. Once Rin uses the sword, his real identity will also be revealed.

Rin's real father, Satan, had intentionally provoked Rin to use the sword by killing Shiro. Rin does not approve of his real father's intentions. Even after growing pointed teeth once he had sheathed Kurikara, his heart remained pure. Satan resented his son's attitude, as he always wanted to join forces with him.

Rin usually could not control the overwhelming power from the Kurikara and the blue flames almost often devour him alive. This ability gives him a great potential to become the next Demon Lord by choice.

Some of those demon kings were not even meant to scare you, but they do transform into hideous beings despite their human forms. Here is a batch of pretty young girls who will deceive you with their amazing looks and seemingly innocent personalities but with killer instincts. They are the most terrifying horror girls in anime who twisted the heads of several men and women (both figuratively and literally!)

Sadao Maou (Hataraku Maou-sama!)

A ruthless demon king known as Satan Jacob, rules Ente Isla, an island which is a part of a bigger land predominantly inhabited by humans. The demons and humans are at war as to who should rule the territories. Emilia Justina, the hero of Ente Isla, challenges Satan into a battle to death to settle the war once and for all. When Demon Lord Satan is defeated, he and his trusty assistant Alshiel, use a portal which brings them to modern day Tokyo, Japan.

Satan, who has now transformed into a human, changes his name into Sadao Maou to cope with living conditions on earth and becomes a part-timer at McDonalds. However, despite Maou's human nature on earth, his keen motive of world domination does not falter and still wishes to re-conquer Ente Isla in the near future and even add the earth to one of his collections of territories.

Akuto Sai (Demon King Daimao)

Akuto Sai thinks he could be a high priest someday. However, when he enters Constan Magical Academy, he finds out that the real role befitting him is actually a Demon King. Upon knowing this, the school body becomes wary of him to the point that they never approach him and just avoid him at all times. His character is rebellious, but he tries to conceal this attitude to prove everyone that he despises the role of a Demon King.

This revelation came to him as a big surprise as he knows he wasn't purely "tough and evil". But he is still capable of losing control of his power and his temper during times of distress.



Horror Queens



Shiro (Deadman Wonderland)

Shiro from Deadman Wonderland is a perfect example of how childhood affects one's personality. She was a victim of an underground genetic experiment, having been replaced for Ganta, the scientist's son, as the test subject. She had to constantly receive injections during childhood which caused some of her body parts to detach. But they had to be sewn back to her body immediately as well, causing her tremendous pain and suffering.

The injections she took formed an ability of hers to regenerate and feel numb. This was tested multiple times, and for each passing day, her ability was fortifying rapidly and she no longer felt pain. She had developed a certain split personality to cope with all the damage that resulted from the experiments she underwent. "The Wretched Egg" was formed, a cold, calculating monster who killed a lot of people mercilessly, including Ganta's classmates. But Shiro in her normal form is a kind and zealous girl who loves eating sweets. She also had taken great liking to Ganta since they were young.



Rena Ryuuguu (Higurashi no Naku Koro Ni)

Another cutie with a messed up head is Rena Ryuugu from the anime, When Cicadas Cry. Her murderous intent is an effect of a disease called Hinamizawa Syndrome. It is an illness exclusive to residents of Hinamizawa village where she and her other friends live in, exempting no one from the area from the said illness.

The syndrome is believed to affect the victim in five levels. The first two levels make the sufferer prone to experiencing low intensity of mood swings and anxiety attacks. Symptoms include the victims reacting anxiously even to the silliest situations. The third level induces mental instability while the fourth one causes hallucinations and paranoia. The fifth level, which Rena had almost reached, induces sufferers to claw at their own flesh.

Lucy (Elfen Lied)

A girl kills a number of guards to escape from solitary confinement. That was how Lucy from Elfen Lied was introduced in the series — an utterly complete mayhem had been automatically attached to her name.

Lucy was being held captive in Diclonius Research Institute because of the dangers imposed on researching about her. Her main objectives are to spread the species Diclonius, creatures with vectors or invisible arms and telekinetic ability, and to replace human beings with their kind.

The only one who could somehow pacify her desire to kill is Kouta, her true love. Lucy has two other personalities. The first one is Nyuu, when she temporarily lost her memories after escaping from the research lab. The other one is Kaede, her first and original persona when she was still a child.

The Lucy, one and the most dangerous of all, has that vindictive intent among all her three personalities.

Enma Ai (Jigoku Shoujo)

Over four hundred years of fulfilling people's vengeful plans has become a numbing experience for Enma Ai. If she were her old self back when she was still alive, she would have probably slightly flinched at this never-ending task.

She herself had carried out revenge against the villagers who killed her and her parents for helping her avoid her fate as a sacrifice to the Mountain God. Shortly after being buried alive, she came back to perform her vengeance by burning down the whole village.

Returning after death is a taboo, so the Master of Hell assigned her as a helper and escort of people who deserve to go to hell. It was also the Master of Hell's strategy to blackmail Enma Ai.

The deal is to bring hatred to people so that the souls of Enma's parents will not arrive at hell to avoid suffering. She willingly agreed to this pact, and since then, has been provoking people to feeling hatred and performing retribution.

Cossette d'Auvergne (Le Portrait de Petit Cossette)

In a mirror lies either the most beautiful or the darkest of secrets. Cossette is a spirit from the 1800s who was trapped in a Venetian glass.

Cossette's story transcended time when an art student, Eiri Kurahashi found her spirit in the glass.

Cossette was murdered by her lover and fellow artist, Marcelo Orlando. Cossette's doll-like form and gothic clothing makes her appear more mystical than frightening.

Perhaps her most prominent feature is her eyes, particularly when she looks at a person intently. Although Cossette's character does not desire for bloodshed, her overall mysterious personality and desperate seeking out for help is appealing to anyone who loves the horror genre, with some bonus romance.



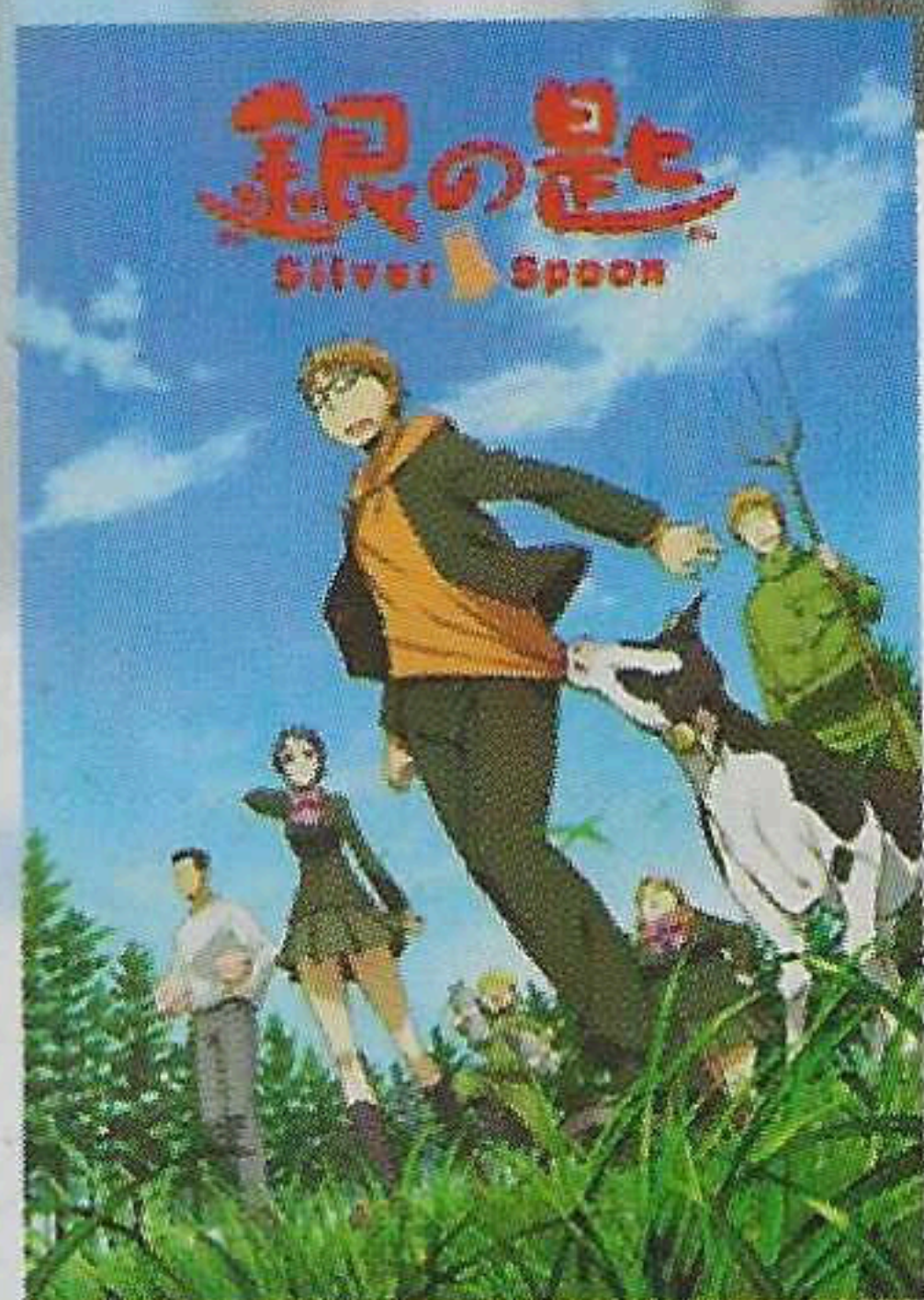
Silver Spoon hits the Silver Screen



Agriculture is the primary resource where man is able to serve food into their dining tables. We give our thanks to the farmers in the countryside for producing crop, dairy and meat products because without them, there won't be any food to satisfy our empty stomachs. As an ordinary person, we have no idea about the hardship these farmers must go through.



With that being said, how about we take a look at Gin no Saji to learn more about farming?



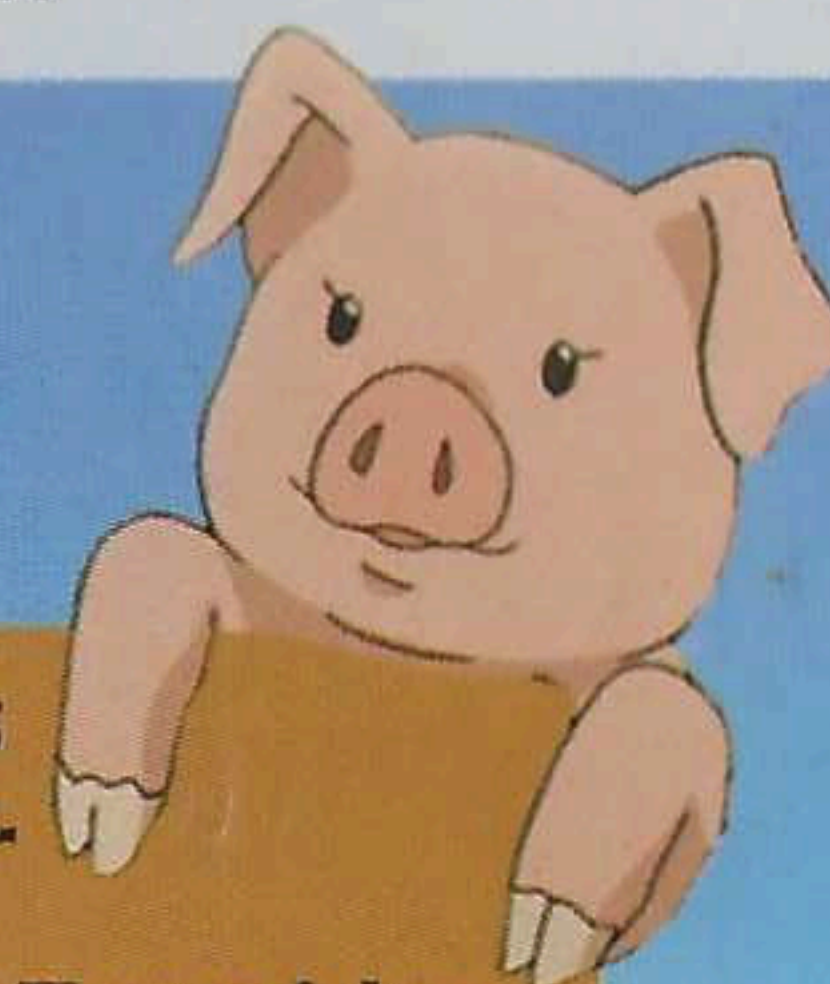
Created by Hiromu Arakawa, Gin no Saji (Silver Spoon) is an on-going slice-of-life/drama manga series serialized in Shounen Sunday since 2011. An anime TV series based on the manga is scheduled to have 11 episodes starting from July 12 to September 19, 2013 with Aniplex and A-1 pictures as one of its producers. And lastly, it received the green light for a live-action movie adaptation directed by Keisuke Yoshida and will be showing in theaters next spring.

Yugo Hachiken yearns for a life separated from his family, so he decided to enroll in an agriculture school somewhere in Hokkaido, one that requires its students to live at a dormitory. He believes that with his talent in studying, there won't be any problems regardless of the school he attends. But this mentality proved him wrong very quickly. Since he grew up in the city, Hachiken faced the worst culture shock of his life.

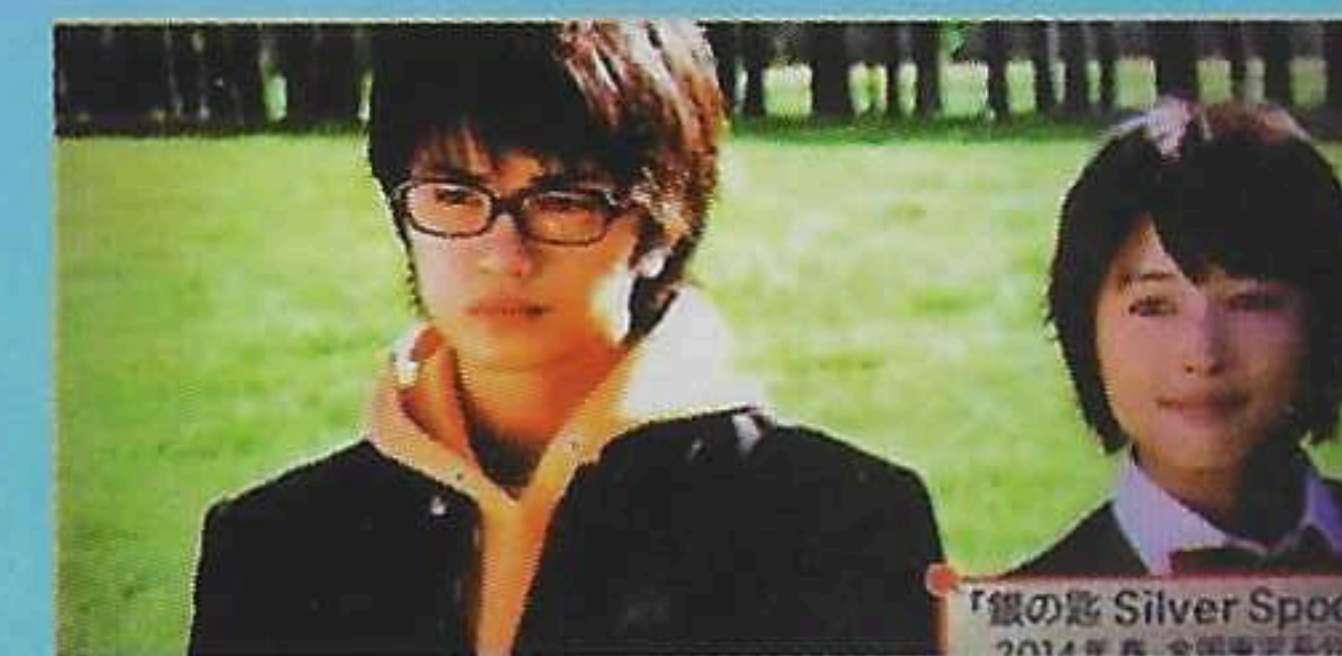
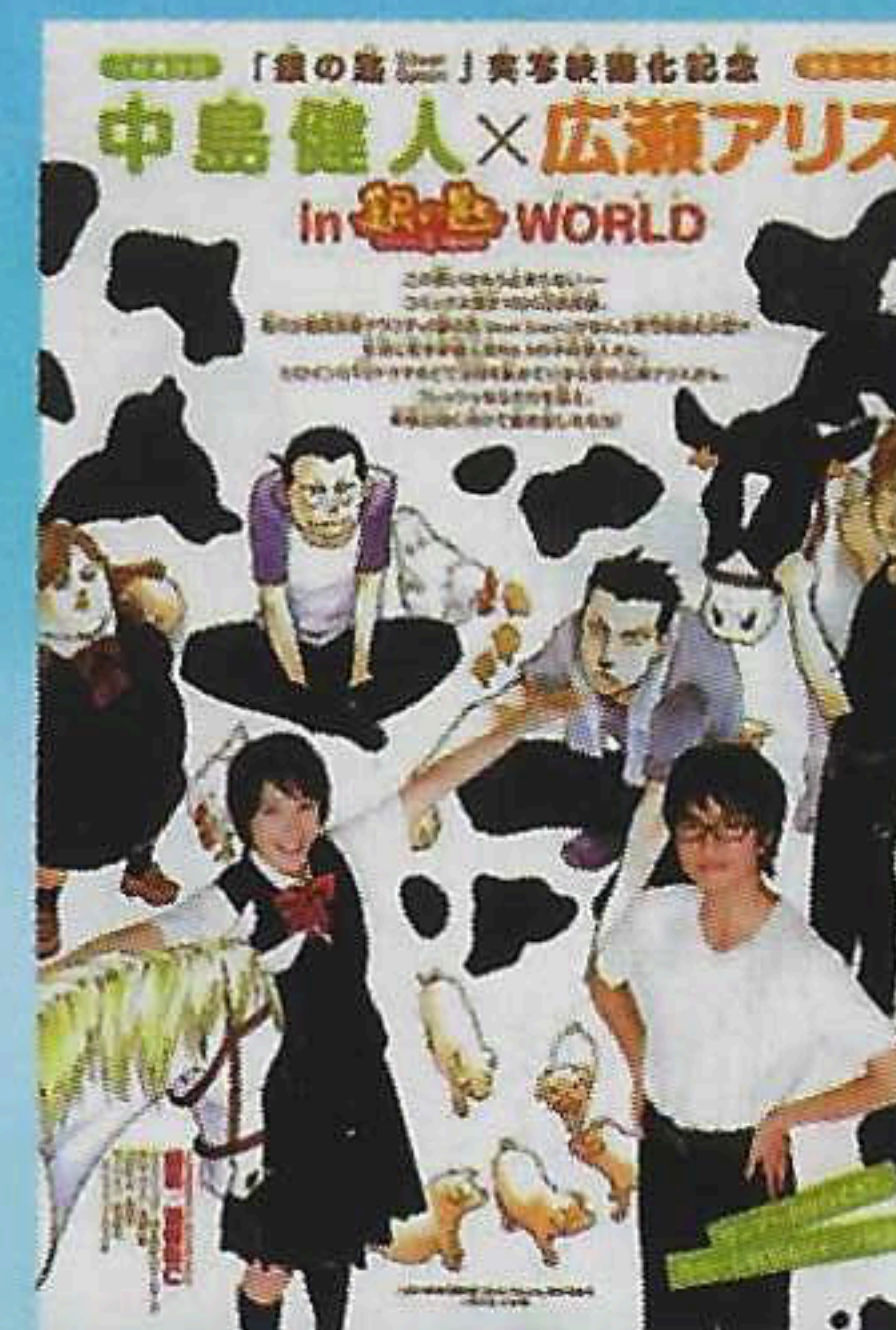


Hachiken has to wake up as early as 5AM for livestock practicum, agriculture-related subjects are given more importance than academics, and joining an extracurricular club is mandatory. To make things worse, he became attached to a piglet and named it "Pork Bowl".

Having forced to realize the cruel truth about farming and without a clear goal in mind, how will Hachiken adapt to this new lifestyle while trying to keep up with his new friends who are already accustomed to the harsh world of agriculture?



Actor and idol group Sexy Zone member Kento Nakajima stars in the movie as Yugo Hachiken and Alice Hirose as Aki Mikage. Others include Ryuhei Ueshima as the principal, Shido Nakamura as the equestrian club advisor, Nakajima and Tomohiro Ichikawa as Ichiro Komaba. The film location is at Obhiro, Hokkaido—where the original manga is based on.



With its depiction of agriculture and life lessons hitting the silver screen, Gin no Saji's film adaptation is another thing to look forward to!





LIVE-ACTION

written by James

**CYBERNETIC
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009-1:

The End of the Beginning

Working as a secret agent is the one of the most dangerous line of work a person could ever have. One must be adept in both armed and hand-to-hand combat, sharp reflexes and a witty mind. Sometimes, these spies aren't provided with conventional weapons so they have to make do with whatever they get in the field. But if the secret agent is a **cyborg**, then it's a different story.

009-1 (ゼロゼロナイン・ワン) was serialized in the Futabasha publication *Weekly Manga Action* from 1967 to 1970, then briefly returned in 1974. It also had a 13-episode live action drama in 1969 as well as a 12-episode anime adaptation. Finally, as a way of celebrating **Shotaro Ishinomori's 75th birthday**, his creation became a live action movie titled **"009-1: The End of the Beginning"** and was released in theaters last September.

In the near future, the world is separated into the **Eastern** and **Western** blocks. The two faction's conflict eventually resulted in a rapid advancement of technological warfare. The **Zero Zero Organization** from the Western block versus the cyborg spies in the game of espionage with the fate of the world at stake.

Milène Hoffman is a female cyborg working as a spy and member of the all-female **"Nine Number Group"**, one of the ten groups in the Zero Zero Organization. She sneaks into the J country—a border area between the Eastern and the Western blocks to expose the human traffickers. In the middle of the operation, Milène meets a young immigrant named **Chris**.

Taking the lead character's role is **Mayuko Iwasa**, a 26-year old actress who also starred in the 2012 ninja film *Shinobido*. **Minehiro Kinomoto**, who is known for his role as *Kamen Rider Accel* is also included in the cast as **Chris**.

The director for the 009-1 movie is **Koichi Sakamoto**. He is known for his stunt directing works for the *Power Rangers* series and has worked on various Japanese tokusatsu TV series and films. With Sakamoto as the action director, the live action movie is expected to have tons of acrobatic fight scenes fitting for a sci-fi spy action film.

009-1: The End of the Beginning is an action-packed film with hot, cybernetic ladies that will take espionage to the next level.

The RETURN of the LEGENDARY SPACE PIRATE

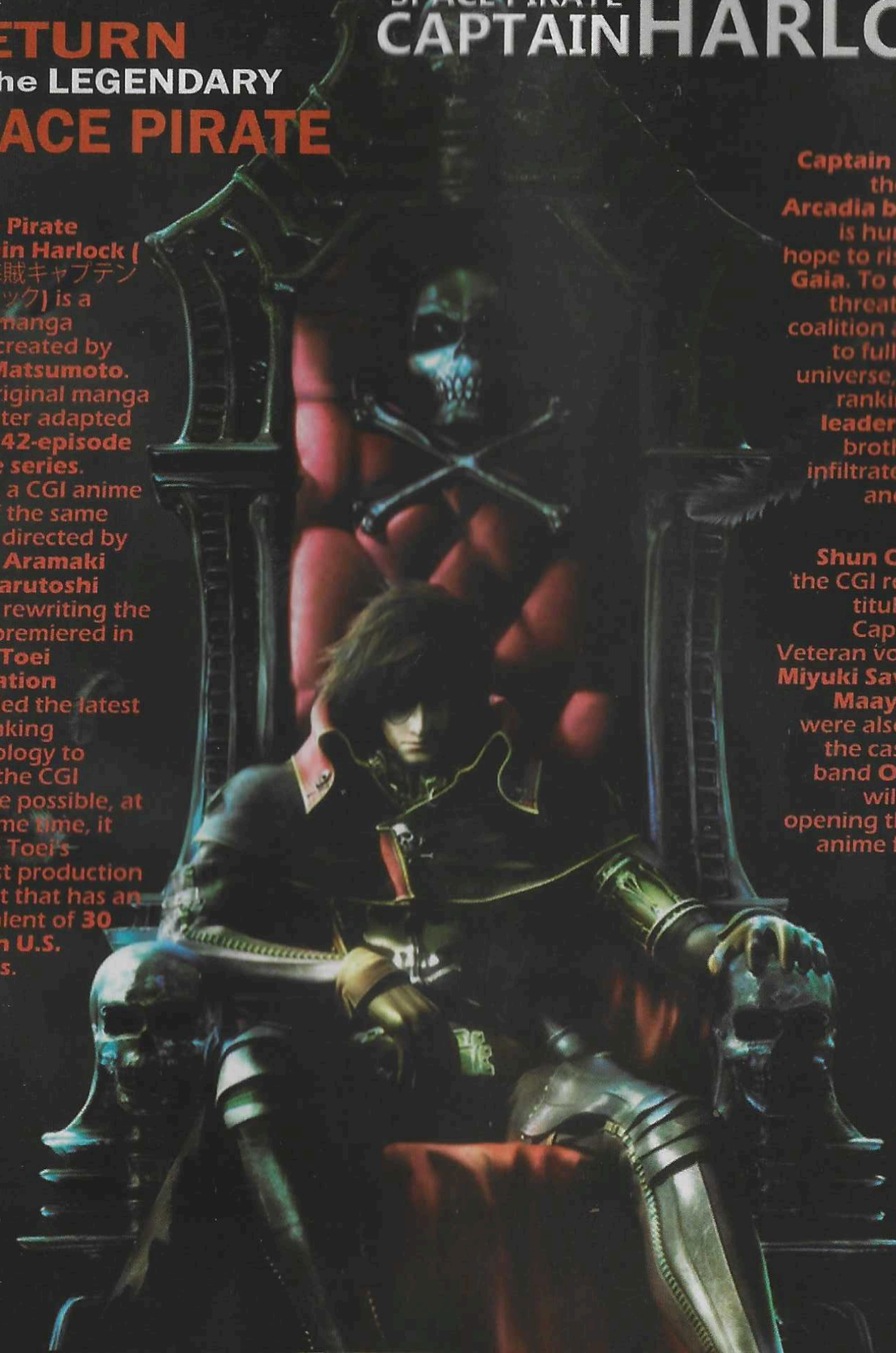
SPACE PIRATE CAPTAIN HARLOCK

written by Kei

Space Pirate Captain Harlock (宇宙海賊キャプテンハーロック) is a 1977 manga series created by **Leiji Matsumoto**. The original manga was later adapted into a 42-episode anime series. Lastly, a CGI anime film of the same title is directed by **Shinji Aramaki** and **Harutoshi Fukui** rewriting the story premiered in 2013. **Toei Animation** provided the latest filmmaking technology to make the CGI remake possible, at the same time, it will be Toei's highest production budget that has an equivalent of **30 million U.S. Dollars**.

Captain Harlock and the crew of the **Arcadia battle cruiser** is humanity's only hope to rise up against **Gaia**. To eliminate the threat towards the coalition and its desire to fully control the universe, **Ezra**, a high ranking **Coalition** leader, has sent his brother **Logan** to infiltrate the **Arcadia** and assassinate

Shun Oguri stars in the CGI remake as the titular character, **Captain Harlock**. Veteran voice actresses **Miyuki Sawashiro** and **Maaya Sakamoto** were also included in the cast. The J-rock band **One OK Rock** will provide the opening theme for the anime film with **"Be the Light"**.





SCARY STORIES



I remember that I cried myself to sleep that night, but had managed to drink some water in between sobbing. I woke up at around 2 or 3 am; I could already feel that strong need to pee.

Before reaching the comfort room, I had to pass by the kitchen where the dining room was. Apart from the dim moonlight, darkness, almost velvety, enveloped the whole house. Seated on the two chairs in front of the dining table, were a boy and a girl, barely visible but with shadows, looking at me. They did not have eyes, but their heads were turned to me, so I know their attention was on me.

My whole body trembled - I was really shocked. I shook my head and blinked. They were gone in an instant. I was depressed at that time, and I knew those were mere hallucinations, perhaps something that my head created to give form to loneliness. But this experience is still clear in my memory. So, maybe they're not hallucinations. Maybe, I'm just in denial.

-Lizzi, senior writer



My mom and I visited my dad in Loyola. At that time, there was a funeral going on, a bit far away from where we were staying. A few moments later, we saw a guy wearing a barong tagalog walking slowly and seriously towards the funeral.

-Ren Santos, layout artist

Back when I was in highschool, my mother went to the province with my little sister. Leaving me and my brother alone at home for three whole weeks.

In the middle of the night at around 3:00am, we heard knocking on the doors and footsteps from our stairs. It bothered us for two weeks.

One morning came, I woke up and I can't find my brother. My brother came home in the morning and explained why he was out that night.

Bothered by the continuous knocking, he waited for it. 3:00am and the knocking started. He peeked at our doorstep from the window but no one was there. Fearlessly, he opened the door and felt a strong wind come in. Suddenly scared, he went over to our neighbors to sleep in for the night.

-John Ayuson, contributor

I was walking on the hallway of our house when I saw my brother in the restroom peeing. Then suddenly, he walked right in front of me.

If he was in front of me, then who was the one peeing?

-James Bayot, senior writer



In my dream, I went inside a dark building and in the hallway, there were two staircases on my left and right that lead to the basement. However, as I stood there, I noticed a figure just in front of me. I looked up and I saw a pale woman in white with her long black hair covering her face and a rope tied around her stomach. She was hanging from the ceiling. Silence ensued.

I ignored what I saw and went down the basement. But my dream seemed to take me to a maze because I saw the same hallway but this time, the woman was lying on the floor. This time, I could see her face but her eyes were closed. I reached out to touch her and...

-Ann Flores, editor

After P.E. class, me and my friend decided to buy drinks since we were really thirsty. We used the elevator. When I pushed the close button it will close but in the middle of it, it will suddenly open again (like it was sensing that someone is still coming in). This happened 3 times before it really closed. Suddenly the light of the Ground button turned off. I kept on clicking on it but it won't light so I decided to click the open button. The door won't open then the lights and the engine turned off. I was about to click the emergency button when all the buttons lighted up. The screen, where it shows the floor number, it was having an error and then suddenly the number "13" showed. The lights turned on again and the doors opened. We immediately went out of the elevator.

Why number 13 when that building has only 4 floors...

-Dianne Gaviño, layout artist

The university I used to go to is 400 years old. The Main Building has been used as a sick bay during a war and there have been so many stories of ghosts scaring teachers, students and even priests.

I'm a daughter of a professor and so I get to stay inside the faculty room. One time, I was left alone while the teachers have their meeting in another room. They locked me in and I was doing my assignment in my father's laptop.

I've had my share of ghostly encounters before and I'm not easily scared anymore. However, when the faculty lights flickered, it made me stand up. When nothing happened for a while, I went back to work. Then I heard footsteps, I froze. Something pushed me hard I almost hit the laptop with my head.

A little angry and scared, I looked behind me and glimpsed a man running towards the door and passed through it.

-Kent, creative director

It was a normal night. I was just about to watch an episode of The Community on Fox when I heard a window banging from the next room. So naturally, I stood up and closed it. The room has a HUGE mirror that I need to pass by to get to the window. As I passed by, the mirror reflected a shadowy blackness from the far end of the room, but when I turned to actually look at it, nothing was there.

So I closed the window and went back to the tv. Then I saw something I will never forget. A person with the SAME shape as me, wearing MY clothes although dirtier as if he/she was shrouded in darkness. I was so frightened I screamed, stepped back and fell, when I looked up, it was gone.

-Dennis, editor-in-chief



In my elementary school, I was asked by my adviser to confirm whether the classes below are dismissed so that our class may follow suit.

I, with two of my classmates, went to the lower floors to check it out. We noticed that all rooms are now "locked" and devoid of both students and teachers. When we were about to head back and report this to our adviser, we were suddenly drawn to a certain classroom. The room's curtains that were visible through the large window were fluttering about. Due to our childish curiosity, we took a peek through the small window of the room's door and were wondering if a ceiling fan was left open when suddenly, a ghostly esoteric figure rushed from the center of the room towards us!

One of my classmate dashed away while I and my other classmate just stood frozen in fear. Once I noticed that the apparition was no more, I dragged friend back to our classroom.

I have absolutely no idea what we saw back then, and after a few years, due to certain doubts, me and my friends decided broke in the school at night for ghost hunts to experience it once more. Unfortunately, no such occurrences happened anymore and we were left dumbfounded, leaving the mystery unsolved.

-Mikelle Abubo, senior writer



**Tis' the season
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STAFF PAGE



Kandy is a fun & wild girl she loves goofy things like Dr. Who and Supernatural. But she also has an otaku side and loves anime like Makai Ougi & Kill la Kill. Crazy and wild, she makes sure everything is kept moving and that no moment is boring.



She's really cool! Ren is fully wild & awesome! We're really sad that she can't come to our events but she comes to the office every now and then. Ren works fast and her layouts on GAMER'S ARENA are the best!
-KANDY

Ren



LLAMA-SAN

He's my bro! *bro fist*. He's my idol when it comes to interviewing people and checking our articles. When it comes to those fields, I can say he's a real pro. He jokes A LOT though we can't appreciate it because of his emotionless face and delivery =w= Also...He's the bishie boy whose long hair I envy for being shinier and softer than mine *sniffs*. He can do a 'hair flip' attack with it! Anyway...I look up to him as an older brother and one of those who leads our group.
Still...that hair...

Or Ryuu / Wiyuu (what I call her when we first met) is someone who is full of surprises o.o When I first met her, I was wondering why they call her "master" (well for me I think she is a master of lots of stuff) and she is! She is truly amazing, like when it comes to tech stuff and art things. She also has the power to create stuff such as cosplay accessories from scratch!! :D I often relate the Vocaloid, Hatsune Miku to her, 'cause one of the first things I knew about her is that she loves Miku :3 She also loves Naruto, but now I think she loves Menma more XD We also can relate to games and she even supplied me with some games haha! One of my favorite sides of Yani is her jokester side which I like to return with my revengeful jokester side :D She's really fun to be with, but you don't want to mess with her :D well if you want to, but I warned you :D

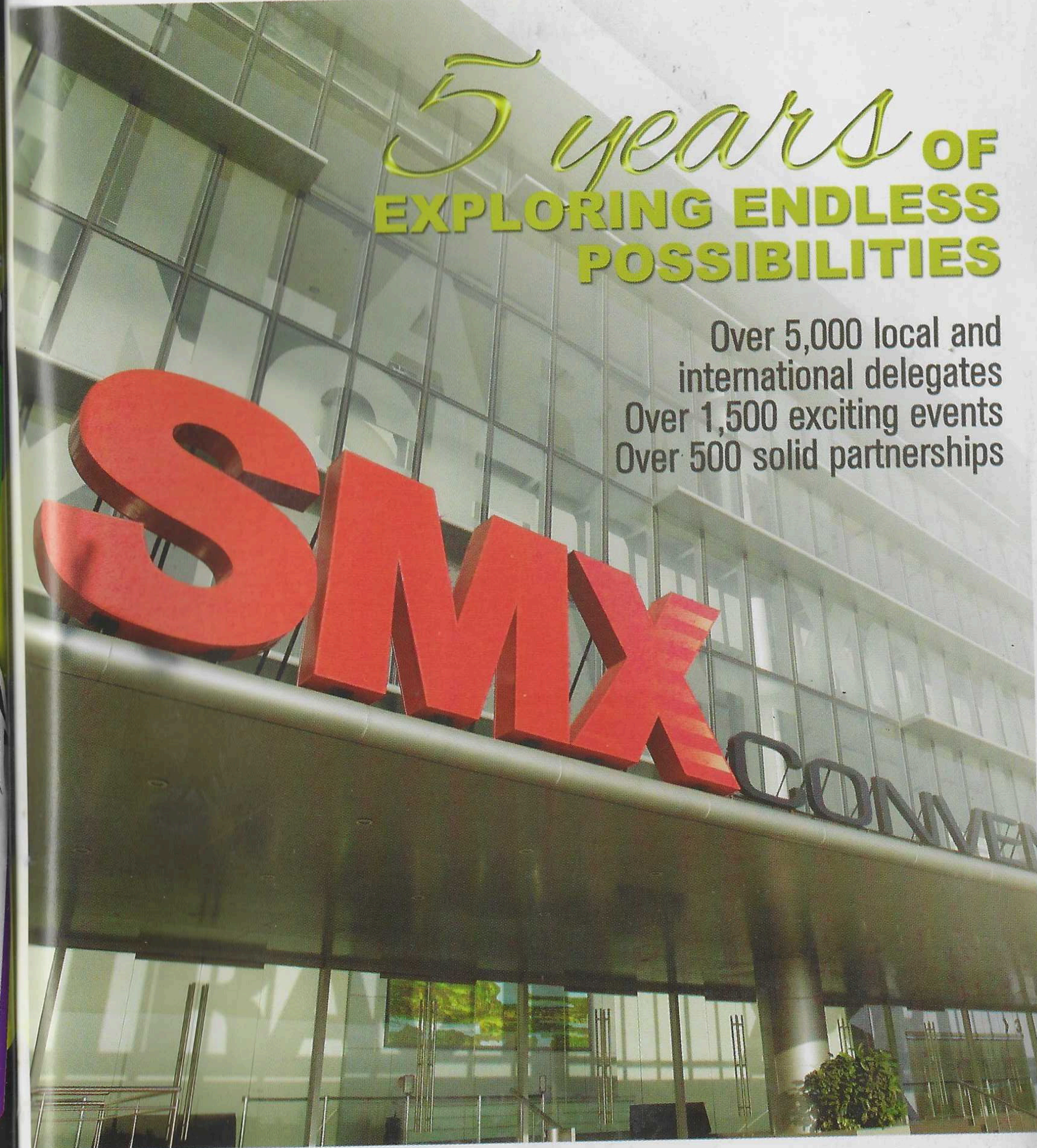
Yani-chan is very magical in her own way. She is a very trustworthy person and at the same time whom I and everyone else can rely on. She is also one of the people that can make things and situations sparkles, in Yani-chan's way, magically. O wOb

~Yani~



CYBORG

Rhaine's nice and funny. *sparkling laugh* She can do many awesome things like drawing, layouting, photography, making costumes and props. She also gives tips on how to make them and materials to be used. She is also good in giving jokes and puns that will make you roll on the floor crying because of too much laugh. She's also the one who gives nicknames to us



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